



AGAWAM
annual report

1964

FOREWORD

As we enter the 110th year of the history of Agawam as an incorporated town, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to the Agawam Historical Society.

This organization formed in 1962 is devoted to the task of gathering together and keeping records, documents and photographs to preserve for future generations the historical lore of our town.

The group is now working on a project of placing date and builder signs on Agawam's old colonial homes for which Junior High students have donated a sum of money.

We are pleased to show on these pages some of the pictures of old Agawam that have been collected by members of the Historical Society.

We are indebted to Richard Van Heusen, President; Mrs. Anna King, Mrs. Walter LaFrancis and Mrs. Marjorie Greenough for their help in procuring material and historical photographs used.

The Town Report Committee wishes to thank the various town officers and department heads for their cooperation in preparing this report book and to the donors of photos and other material used in preparing it.

DAVID C. GALLANO

HENRY LAWSON

EDWARD BATOR

RAYMOND ORR

VINCENT R. CAROLEO



COVER PICTURE . . . In 1845 the bridge across the Agawam River by the Exposition grounds and here pictured by an unknown artist was built by Isaac Damon of Northampton. It lived an eventful life, was damaged by floods, struck by lightning and in 1881 was the scene of a murder. In 1899 it caught fire from one of the oil lamps used in lighting it and was entirely burned. It was replaced by an iron bridge which was strong enough to carry trolley cars into Agawam for the first time.



*Factory Pond from Perry Street about 1901.
Later known as Mill Pond.*

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Highlights of 1964

Construction of Agawam Center Interceptor Sewer Finished
and Connected to Springfield Sewage Disposal Plant

Completion of Granger School Addition

New Apartment Houses Finished

Buxton Plant Addition Finished

As We Look Ahead

New Post Offices — Agawam Center and Feeding Hills

New Units Housing for the Aged — Agawam Center

Further Development of Industrial Areas

More New Apartment Houses

Lamplighter Apartments on Springfield Street





A view of Front Street, Feeding Hills, in 1903

Town Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETINGS

Selectmen — Monday Evenings, 7:00 P.M.
Planning Board — Second Thursday of Month
School Committee — Second Tuesday of Month

TELEPHONES

TOWN HALL and SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	781-0400
POLICE DEPARTMENT	737-4767
FIRE DEPARTMENT	736-6301

Elected Town Officers

MODERATOR

John J. Shea

SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Frank Chriscola, Jr.	Raymond E. Charest	Edward W. Connelly
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TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Brandon N. Letellier

TOWN COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Ferranti

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Benjamin S. Bassani	1965	Francis J. Rosso	1966
Paul J. Adams	1965	Philip J. DeForge	1967
F. Joseph Napolitan	1966	Joseph A. DellaGiustina	1967

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

George L. Reynolds	1965	Francis P. Cleary	1966
	William M. Bardwell	1967	

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Donald R. Langevin	1965	Harriet S. Keogh	1966
Norma Connolly	1965	Sylvia Deliso	1967
Paul M. Begley	1966	Eugene Sullivan	1967

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Joseph J. Sliech, Jr.	1965	Leonard P. Rising	1966
	Samuel F. Provo	1967	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard M. Taylor	1965	Mario Cammisa	1966
	Alfred Fontana	1967	

TRUSTEES OF WHITING STREET FUND

James A. Crean	1966	Aldo Bedard	1965
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TREE WARDEN

Elmer Cascio	1966
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PLANNING BOARD

Lawrence J. Scherpa	1965	Harold A. Gaffney, Jr.	1968
Ronald C. Balboni	1966	Arthur Fuchs	1969
Wilfred Lenville (resigned)	1967	Raymond Saracino — filled vacancy	

PARKS, PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

James A. O'Keefe, Jr.	1965	Edward G. Borgatti	1966
Roland Mercadante	1965	Earl H. Freniere, Jr.	1967
Raymond Saracino	1966	Vito N. Depalo	1967

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Thomas Patrick Meredith	1965	William E. Vigneaux	1968
Daniel DiDonato	1966	Robert Watson, Jr.	1969
Francis J. Gensheimer — State Appointee		1967	

Appointed Town Officers

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Marjorie L. Santinello

CHIEF OF POLICE AND DOG OFFICER

R. Kenneth Grady

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Harry W. Schneider

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Donald J. Campbell, Acting

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATOR — BURIAL AGENT

David C. Gallano

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Measurer of Wood

Louis D. Draghetti

Public Weigher

GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Dominick Ricco

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Robert P. Carlson

BUILDING INSPECTOR

James J. Gloster

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

George Draghetti

WIRING INSPECTOR

Alfred Gallerani

TOWN COUNSEL — TOWN PROSECUTOR

John McDonough

BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard W. Toelken

1965

Alternates

Harold C. Atwater

1966

John Cirillo

1965

Julio A. Alvigini

1967

B. Edward Dahdah

1966

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Peter T. McGrady

1965

William G. Pfau

1966

James J. Elasmarr

1965

Santo Canneralla

1967

James G. Gregor

1966

Paul Adams, Jr.

1967

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Richard J. Rieker

1965

Jessie Boyer

1967

Alvin R. Kellogg, Jr.

1966

Brandon N. Letellier

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Arthur Zavarella — Director

Albert M. Jackson — Deputy Director

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Charles Calabrese

1965

William Brezinski

1967

Harold Fullam

1968

Albert Christopher

1965

David C. Gallano

1967

Carlo Bonavita

1969

Louis DePalma

1966

William Carroll

1968

Joseph Sliech, Jr.

1969

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Roland Reed

1965

Harold M. Gaffney, Jr.

1967

Peter McGrady

1965

James A. O'Keefe, Jr.

1967

George Fleming, Chairman

1966

Robert P. Carlson

1967

Anthony DiDonato

1966

PERSONNEL BOARD

Walter Balboni

1965

Gordon Chandler

1967

Stanley Chimelewski

1966

G. Fred Affleck, Personnel Director

SLAUGHTER INSPECTOR

Clark W. Jones, Inspector

James A. Crean, Assistant

Town Directory

Incorporated May 17, 1855

Population 1960 Census — 15,718

UNITED STATES SENATORS

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL of Boston

EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

EDWARD P. BOLAND of Springfield

COUNCILOR

Eighth District

RAYMOND F. SULLIVAN of Springfield

STATE SENATOR

Hampden, Berkshire District

GEORGE D. HAMMOND of Westfield

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Eleventh Hampden District

JAMES C. CORCORAN, JR. of West Springfield

GEORGE W. PORTER of Agawam

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

First Tuesday after Third Monday in November

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Third Saturday in February

Board of Selectmen

The 1964 Board of Selectmen are extremely pleased to report, that, for the first time in twenty years, the Town was able to conduct it's business without the necessity of holding any Special Town Meeting. In this instance alone, we will begin the year of 1965 with a Certified Free Cash balance of \$274,925.11, considering the Free Cash available in 1964, by the previous administration was \$207,056.58. We are proud of the accomplishments of the 1964 Board.

The Water Survey Study has been completed and the report will be brought to the 1965 Annual Town Meeting for possible action. Because of many factors — increased population, the expansion of business and industry, the needs of the Town for water, have greatly increased, and our present system of distribution is sorely inadequate.

We are pleased to announce, also, that industry is continuing to expand in our Town. Buxton, Inc., is presently in the process of constructing an addition to their present large plant. Additions have been made to Vanadium Alloy, Rosen Textile, Stacy Machine, and Montgomery Ward Catalog Office. The Cogswell Manufacturing Co., has moved to our Town, and is building a plant on Suffield Street.

The year 1964 saw the completion of the Connecticut River Interceptor Sewer. With the completion of this project Agawam's Interceptor Sewer System is now 100% complete. The latest addition was constructed under the Accelerated Public Works Program, and the Town will be reimbursed approximately 50% of the cost.

We have enjoyed working for the Town during the year 1964, and we would like to express our appreciation to all the Town employees and residents for their cooperation.

The old Agawam Bridge around 1900





Perry Street, near the YMCA, September, 1904

Office of the Town Accountant

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the department heads as well as all other Town employees and in particular my assistant, Miss Taylor for their assistance and cooperation since I assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Town Accountant, February 14, 1963. With such spirit and teamwork we can all do our jobs more efficiently and in the best interests of the Town and its people. I would also like to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their unanimous vote of confidence in appointing me as your Town Accountant and wish to report that all necessary figures as required by law have been filed with the proper agencies and departments of both the State and the Town as of January 14, 1965.

The work of this department is very demanding and exacting. In the event that a service is requested of us which may take time, either in examination or in preparation, or both, we ask your patience.

We aim to give all citizens the maximum of cooperation and assistance which our small staff can furnish.

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:		
Current Year	\$2,393,769.47	
Previous Years	126,958.73	
		\$2,520,728.20
In Lieu of Taxes:		
Housing Authority	1,584.00	
Water	2,325.37	
Sewer	1,745.11	
		5,654.48
Tax Titles		1,972.45
From State:		
Reimburse Loss of Taxes — 1962	276.00	
Reimburse Loss of Taxes	12,014.11	
		12,290.11
Income Tax:		
School Aid G.L. Ch. 70	176,047.65	
School Aid G.L. Ch. 69-71	16,290.94	
State Tax Apportionment	46,338.19	
Corporation Tax — Business	88,189.87	
Meals Tax — O.A.A.	4,900.15	
State Tax — Admin.	182.89	
Summer Recreation — Physically		
Handicapped and Mentally Retarded	461.60	
		332,411.29
Schools (Fund from Inc. Tax not incl.)		
High School Transportation	81,309.17	
Temp. Aid and Transportation	950.83	
Tuition and Transp. — State Wards	870.64	
Vocational Education	9,238.62	
School Building Assistance	86,103.10	
		178,472.36
Licenses and Permits:		
Liquor	15,695.00	
All Other	6,193.00	
		21,888.00
District Court and Sheriff Fines		2,450.60
Forfeiture of Plan Deposits		550.00
Grants and Gifts:		
From Federal Government:		
Old Age Assistance	39,111.08	
Aid to Dependent Children	17,660.91	
Medical Aid to Aged	41,114.62	
Disability Assistance	7,350.69	

National Defense Education Act	4,696.65	
Conn. River Interceptor Sewer	115,950.00	
Advance Water Planning	17,458.25	
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		243,342.20
From County:		
Dog Licenses		2,381.77
Privileges:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Current Year	342,441.49	
Previous Years	73,939.40	
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		416,380.89
Farm Animal Excise		224.30
Special Assessments:		
Sidewalks	448.62	
Sewers	7,408.79	
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		7,857.41
Assessments Paid in Advance		982.17

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

General Government:		
Collector — Charges	2,607.60	
Municipal Liens	243.00	
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		2,850.60
Town Clerk and Treasurer:		
Sport Licenses and Fees	3,779.80	
Dog Fees	300.75	
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		4,080.55
Protection Property and Persons:		
Police — Photos	278.00	
Fire — Inspections, etc.	47.00	
Building Inspector — Code Sales	355.75	
Health — Trailer Court Fees	1,524.00	
Nurses Fees	558.75	
Sanitation — Sewer Connections	15,705.00	
a/r Sewer	212.52	
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		18,681.02
Highways:		
From State:		
Chapter 782	17,496.14	
Chapter 90	24,224.97	
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		41,721.11
From County:		
Chapter 90		13,849.98
From Individuals:		
Map Sales		129.50

Charities:

Welfare:

From State	1,617.21
From Cities and Towns	1,474.71
Old Age Assistance — State	14,398.47
Old Age Assistance — Cities and Towns	1,031.63
Aid to Dependent Children — State	10,425.85
Medical Aid to Aged — State	26,902.66
Disability Assistance	5,550.47

61,401.00

Veterans' Benefits

16,026.67

Schools:

Tuition	1,813.38
All Other	1,241.69

3,055.07

School Programs — Revolving Funds:

School Lunch Program:

State Claims	\$ 41,927.73
Lunchroom Receipts	140,210.31

182,138.04

School Athletics	8,109.90
Adult Education — Evening	1,346.50

191,594.44

Library Fines

639.90

State Aid to Libraries—Reserved for Appropriation

3,929.50

Recreation — Parks and Playgrounds:

Arts and Crafts

150.91

UNCLASSIFIED

Rents	168.00
Petty Cash Advances	825.00
Planning Board Zoning Books	40.00

1,033.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Water:

Rates	160,042.72
Connections	4,465.00
Miscellaneous Billings	3,324.25
Liens — 1964	5,201.43
Liens — Previous Years	778.93

173,812.33

INTEREST

Collector — Deferred Taxes	3,437.21
Special Assessments	422.26
Town Clerk and Treasurer:	
Tax Titles Redeemed	484.14

4,343.61

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Library Funds — Davis Library	1,882.18	
Phelon	20.00	
Cemetery Funds:		
Old Cemetery Fund Income	28.00	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — General Care	6.40	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — Perpetual Care	11.20	
Maple Grove Cemetery	56.20	
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LOANS

Temporary — Anticipation of Revenue	1,035,000.90	
Temporary — Anticipation of Serial Issue	100,000.00	
Granger School Addition	340,000.00	
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PREMIUMS — School Loan		379.78
DIVIDEND — John Hancock Life Ins.		673.00
Dog Licenses — County		2,006.25
Welfare — Recoveries		1,454.10
Board of Appeals Deposits	374.00	
Planning Board Deposits	200.00	
Water Guarantee Deposits	3,800.00	
Plan Deposits	50.00	
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PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Credit Union	138,386.01	
Blue Cross	30,674.20	
Life Insurance	3,786.88	
County Retirement	39,881.89	
U. S. Savings Bonds	2,037.38	
Federal Taxes	247,417.05	
State Taxes	29,256.81	
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REFUNDS

Blue Cross — Town Share	189.52	
Blue Cross — Subscriber's Share	202.47	
Workmen's Compensation	1,459.39	
General Departments	3,953.28	
Premie Babies — Reimbursement — State	366.00	
Accrued Interest — Sale School Bonds	1,141.82	
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		\$6,269,579.23



Looking north on Suffield Street from State Line around 1908



J. A. Fenn and Miss Mielke in the early 1900's

Town Accountant

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1964 \$	Appro- priations \$	Additions \$	Available \$	Expen- ditures \$	Balance \$
Moderator		25.00		25.00	25.00	
Personnel Board		100.00		100.00	100.00	
Personnel Board — Survey			2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Selectmen — Salaries		4,300.00		4,300.00	4,300.00	
Secretary		5,459.00		5,459.00	5,459.00	
Other		1,365.00		1,365.00	844.01	520.99
Town Accountant — Salary		5,876.00		5,876.00	5,876.00	
Jr. Accountant		4,346.00		4,346.00	3,421.70	924.30
Other		700.00	13.66	713.66	713.66	
Out of State Travel		100.00		100.00	100.00	
Town Clerk & Treasurer — Salary		7,950.00		7,950.00	7,950.00	
Clerical		7,855.00		7,855.00	6,929.15	925.85
Other		3,500.00	836.67	4,336.67	4,184.93	151.74
Town Collector — Salary		6,254.00		6,254.00	6,254.00	
Principal Clerk		4,558.00		4,558.00	3,956.00	602.00
Clerical		3,953.00		3,953.00	3,706.60	246.40
Other		4,185.00		4,185.00	3,933.72	251.28
Assessors — Salaries		7,100.00		7,100.00	7,100.00	
Principal Clerk		4,558.00		4,558.00	4,558.00	
Clerical		5,369.00		5,369.00	4,421.74	947.26
Other		3,150.00		3,150.00	2,883.83	266.17
Law — Town Counsel		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Town Prosecutor		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Appraisals		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Other		800.00	200.00	1,000.00	911.00	1,000.00
Election & Registration — Salaries		750.00		750.00	750.00	89.00
Election Officers		5,000.00	683.35	5,683.35	5,683.35	
Listing of Persons		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Other		2,800.00	372.80	3,172.80	2,826.90	345.90
Administration Building						
Custodian — Salary		4,136.00		4,136.00	4,034.58	101.42

Clerical	5,814.00	5,814.50	5,814.50	
Fuel, Light and Telephone	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,547.84	452.16
New Telephone System		110.13	26.50	83.63
Other	4,028.00	4,028.00	2,482.20	1,545.80
Other Town Buildings	410.00	410.00	20.00	390.00
Fire — Chief Salary	8,480.00	8,480.00	8,480.00	
Salaries	161,509.00	161,509.00	159,318.12	2,190.88
Equipment	3,950.00	3,950.00	3,886.07	63.93
Out of State Travel	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Uniforms	250.00	250.00	238.85	11.15
Other	9,992.00	9,992.00	9,641.26	350.74
Police — Chief Salary	8,480.00	8,480.00	8,480.00	
Salaries	161,984.00	162,010.00	156,604.87	5,405.13
Uniforms	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,918.12	81.88
Out of State Travel	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Safety Officer	250.00	250.00	250.00	
New Cruisers	5,000.00	5,583.57	5,583.57	
School Traffic Officers	5,658.00	5,899.50	5,384.29	515.21
Other	12,204.00	13,118.25	12,403.13	715.12
Sealer — Salary	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	
Other	800.00	800.00	800.00	
Electrical Inspector — Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Other	525.00	525.00	429.67	95.33
Building Inspector — Salary	5,989.00	5,989.00	5,989.00	
Other	920.00	920.00	903.36	16.64
Dog Law Enforcement	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Forestry — Tree Warden	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Labor	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,795.00	5.00
Equipment Rentals	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,798.00	2.00
Tree Planting	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,395.00	5.00
Spraying	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,145.00	5.00
Removal of Dutch Elm	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Other	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Gypsy Moth	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health — Agent Salary	6,784.00	6,784.00	6,784.00	
Clerical	3,575.00	3,575.00	2,984.20	590.80
Nurses' Salaries	11,182.00	11,238.00	11,238.00	

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1964	Appro- priations	Additions	Available	Expen- ditures	Balance
Other		3,550.00		3,550.00	3,365.94	184.06
Hospitals, etc.		3,500.00	88.30	3,588.30	3,588.30	
Plumbing — Labor		2,200.00	552.00	2,752.00	2,718.00	34.00
Other		150.00		150.00	140.05	9.95
Slaughter & Animal Inspectors		966.00		966.00	966.00	
Aerial Mosquito Control		2,700.00		2,700.00	2,700.00	
Garbage Collection		20,750.00		20,750.00	20,750.00	
Sewer Maintenance & Surface Drainage ..		12,200.00	7,797.62	19,997.62	19,828.49	169.13
Interceptor Sewer Plans	582.64			582.64		582.64
Meadow Street — Alhambra Sewers	1,891.30			1,891.30		1,891.30
Rubbish Collection		21,900.00	2,893.08	24,793.08	24,762.74	30.29
Ramah Circle North, South and Walnut St. Ext. 1964		2,200.00		2,200.00	1,301.00	899.00
Ramah Circle North Storm Drain — 1958	2,018.20			2,018.20	601.30	1,416.90
So. Main St. Sanitary Sewer	181.47			181.47		181.47
So. Westfield St. Sanitary Sewer 1963	14,702.43	7,700.00	106.20	22,508.63	17,813.39	4,695.24
Lincoln St. Surface Drain	1,671.00			1,671.00	87.50	1,583.50
Suffield St. Drain — Industrial Park			1,400.00	1,400.00	1,179.57	220.43
Simpson Circle Sanitary Sewer		9,700.00		9,700.00	8,761.38	938.62
Rhodes Ave. Surface Drain		1,940.00		1,940.00	1,858.45	81.55
Norris St. Surface Drain		2,520.00		2,520.00	2,519.20	.80
D.P.W. — Superintendent — Salary		9,222.00		9,222.00	7,935.07	1,286.93
Clerical and Personnel Services		175,446.00	4,551.57	179,997.57	157,067.28	22,930.29
Administration — Other		900.00		900.00	760.94	139.06
Out of State Travel		150.00		150.00		150.00
Highway Maintenance		42,315.00	7,057.75	49,372.75	47,424.27	1,948.48
Road Machinery		21,300.00	975.93	22,275.93	22,209.05	66.87
D.P.W. Police — Salaries		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,131.24	868.76
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,100.00		1,100.00	333.14	766.83
No. Westfield St. Sidewalk 1963	6,842.58	8,000.00		14,842.58	12,835.82	2,005.76
Cooper St. Sidewalk		9,700.00		9,700.00	2,083.29	7,616.71
Federal St. Sidewalk		6,500.00		6,500.00	1,298.81	5,201.19
Monroe St. Sidewalk and Parking Area		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,237.76	362.24

Snow Removal	26,000.00	12,397.33	38,397.33	33,183.05	5,214.28
1963 Snow Removal Overdraft				1,240.83	*1,240.83**
Clematis Dr. to Valentine St. Connection ..	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,189.14	310.85
Engineering Salaries	20,048.00		20,048.00	19,471.17	576.83
Other	850.00		850.00	847.26	2.74
D.P.W. — Dump Truck — 4 Yard	4,534.00		4,534.00	4,533.40	.60
Utility Truck	2,062.00		2,062.00	2,061.85	.15
Utility Dump Truck	2,545.00		2,545.00	2,544.33	.67
Tandem Roller	3,870.00		3,870.00	3,870.00	
Tapping Machine	300.00		300.00	290.08	9.92
Street Lights	80,000.00		80,000.00	78,159.99	1,840.01
Chapter 90 Construction — 1959		3.73	3.73		3.73
Chapter 90 Construction — 1961		10,431.46	10,431.46		10,431.46
Chapter 90 Construction — 1963		29,469.74	29,469.74		29,469.74
Chapter 90 Maintenance — 1964			15,000.00		.34
Chapter 90 Construction — 1964	15,000.00		33,600.00	14,999.66	
Mittineague Bridge Repair	33,600.00		17,000.00	181.50	33,418.50
U. S. Grants — O. A. A. — Aid		36,468.55	81,963.66	33,365.84	48,597.82
O. A. A. — Administration		3,451.48	4,668.41	2,254.19	2,414.22
A. D. C. — Aid		14,054.05	28,009.79	10,961.97	17,047.82
A. D. C. — Administration		3,886.91	9,038.45	6,723.58	2,314.87
M. A. A. — Aid		37,983.44	56,246.19	41,434.00	14,812.19
M. A. A. — Administration		3,447.53	4,982.54	3,628.27	1,354.27
D. A. — Aid		6,985.25	9,567.78	7,955.53	1,612.25
D. A. — Administration		1,060.47	2,484.76	351.04	2,133.72
Welfare Salaries	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Other	100.00		100.00	72.21	27.79
Relief	15,000.00	234.34	15,234.34	11,802.72	3,431.62
Town — O. A. A. — Aid	23,000.00	45.80	23,045.80	23,045.80	
O. A. A. — Administration	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
A. D. C. — Aid	14,000.00	755.45	14,755.45	14,755.45	
A. D. C. — Administration	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
M. A. A. — Aid	35,000.00	15.00	35,015.00	35,015.00	
M. A. A. — Administration	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
D. A. — Aid	10,000.00	2.50	10,002.50	10,002.50	
D. A. — Administration	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits	30,000.00	459.75	30,459.75	25,439.80	5,019.95

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1964	Appro- priations	Additions	Available	Expen- ditures	Balance
District Assessment			8,295.72	8,295.72	8,295.72	
Schools — Salaries, Operating		1,636,127.00	110.27	1,636,237.27	1,636,048.93	188.34
Transportation		110,200.00		110,200.00	107,697.52	2,502.48
Out of State Travel		800.00		800.00	755.32	44.68
Hughes-Barden Fund	375.00			375.00	375.00	
National Defense Education Act	6,601.68		4,696.65	11,298.33	10,246.30	1,052.03
Land Purchase — Main and Reed Sts. ..	1,875.00			1,875.00		1,875.00
Land Taking — School	5,700.00			5,700.00		2,575.00
Jr. High — Cafeteria Committee	195.84			195.84		195.84
Granger School Plans	518.74			518.74	40.00	478.74
Adult Evening School	1,111.00		1,346.50	2,457.50	757.34	1,700.16
School Lunch	11,197.89		182,160.44	193,358.33	175,191.18	18,167.15
School Athletics	851.80		8,109.90	8,961.70	8,329.92	631.78
Library — Chief Librarian		6,284.00		6,284.00	6,279.00	5.00
Salaries		3,150.00	300.00	3,450.00	3,450.00	
Fuel and Light		750.00		750.00	591.25	158.75
Mileage		250.00		250.00	92.14	157.86
All Other		4,820.00	2,381.77	7,201.77	6,617.55	584.22
Parks and Playgrounds — Salaries		10,600.00		10,600.00	10,376.53	223.47
Other		9,375.00	15.90	9,390.90	8,480.38	910.52
World War I Barracks Rent		600.00		600.00	600.00	
Damages to Persons and Property		500.00		500.00	213.75	286.25
Widow's Annuity		600.00		600.00	600.00	
Previous Years Bills		5,057.22		5,057.22	5,057.22	
Zoning By-Law Revision	293.61			293.61	122.66	170.95
Planning Board — Master Plan	147.78			147.78		147.78
Town Reports		3,200.00		3,200.00	2,557.95	642.05
Finance Expense		100.00		100.00	89.44	10.56
Reserve Fund		12,000.00	13,000.00	25,000.00	24,548.17	451.83
Business Development Commission		500.00		500.00	124.00	376.00
Foreclosure of Tax Titles		400.00		400.00		400.00
Group Insurance and Hospitalization — '63	386.40			386.40	386.40	
Group Insurance and Hospitalization		30,000.00	61.32	30,061.32	29,922.48	138.84

Non-Contributory Retirement	4,327.00		4,327.00	4,326.40	.60
Contributory Retirement Assessment	50,152.00	.41	50,152.41	50,152.41	
Surety Bond	850.00		850.00	785.15	64.85
Town Vehicle Insurance	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,196.55	803.45
Liability Insurance	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,362.84	637.16
County Aid to Agriculture	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Memorial Day	615.00		615.00	584.70	30.30
Easement — Elbert Road	2.00		2.00		2.00
Land Taking — Heirs D. Crowley	150.00		150.00		150.00
Land Taking — School and Fire	39,500.00		39,500.00	500.00	39,000.00
Land Taking — Maynard Street	1.00		1.00		1.00
Civil Defense — Administration50				.37
Other68				.40
Planning Board		350.00			135.76
Board of Appeals			1,200.50	1,200.13	185.22
Safety Council of Western Mass.			4,350.68	4,350.28	
Council for Aging			500.00	364.24	
Conservation Commission			600.00	414.78	
Water — Contract			235.77	235.77	
Meter — Carry-Over 1963			100.00	100.00	
Other			100.00	25.00	75.00
Riverview Ave. — Main	2,500.00	13,671.18	81,171.18	81,171.18	
Orchard St. — Main			2,500.00		2,500.00
Prospect St. — Main		6,458.66	27,758.66	27,733.67	24.99
Ley St. — Main			862.88		862.88
Poplar St. — Main			31.16		31.16
Cottage St. — Main			14.10		14.10
Cemetery — Maintenance		134.25	2,174.25	2,025.29	148.96
Rebuilding Cemeteries			6,500.00	6,390.45	109.55
Veterans' Graves		134.25	1,384.25	1,355.67	28.58
Interest — Debt			790.00	632.80	157.20
Revenue Loans			425.00		425.00
Debt			234.00	234.00	
			82,351.00	82,011.25	339.75
			7,500.00	6,790.56	709.44
			350,000.00	350,000.00	
	\$ 246,845.64	\$ 393,825.77	\$4,339,495.40	\$3,986,067.14	\$ 353,428.26

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**Authorized Overdraft

	Balance Jan. 1, 1964	Appro- priations	Additions	Available	Expen- ditures	Balance
Shea's Field Elementary School	\$ 2,006.23	\$	\$	\$ 2,006.23	\$	\$ 2,006.23
Springfield and Suffield St. Drain	22,299.08			22,299.08		22,299.08
Conn. River Interceptor Sewer	30,413.91		150,950.00	181,363.91	176,874.47	4,489.44
High School Addition	3,470.05			3,470.05		3,470.05
Granger School Addition			340,000.00	340,000.00	324,136.40	15,863.60
New Cafeteria — Jr. High	1,456.38			1,456.38	575.90	880.48
Advanced Planning — Water			17,458.25	17,458.25	17,458.25	
	<u>\$ 59,645.65</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 508,408.25</u>	<u>\$ 568,053.90</u>	<u>\$ 519,045.02</u>	<u>\$ 49,008.88</u>

TOWN OF AGAWAM — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1964

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash — Revenue	\$	Payrolls and Deductions:	\$
Petty Cash Advance	\$749,959.48	Blue Cross	126.86
Treasurer's Recovery — Due	30.00	Life Insurance	57.86
Accounts Receivable:	500.00	U. S. Savings Bonds	408.15
Taxes:			
Levy of 1958		Reserve — Petty Cash Advance	592.87
Personal Property		Tailings	30.00
Levy of 1959	1,120.00	County Dog Licenses	341.20
Personal Property		Water Guarantee Deposits	64.25
Levy of 1960	382.00	Board of Appeals Deposits	200.00
Personal Property		Aid to Dependent Children Recovery	124.20
Levy of 1961	1,181.68	Trust Fund Income:	132.10
Personal Property		Phelon Library	116.32
Levy of 1962	2,325.15	Old Cemetery Income	279.33
Poll Tax	56.00	Feeding Hills Cemetery — General Care..	67.97
Personal Property	2,885.93	Feeding Hills Cemetery — Perpetual Care	119.99
Real Estate	1,448.95	Maple Grove Cemetery	530.69
Levy of 1963	4,390.88	Lydia Roberts — Cemetery Care	82.15

ASSETS

Poll Tax	176.00
Personal Property	6,914.50
Real Estate	7,321.34
Levy of 1964	
Personal Property	12,598.51
Real Estate	152,026.05
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	
Levy of 1958	135.57
Levy of 1959	3,228.07
Levy of 1960	4,851.71
Levy of 1961	4,333.36
Levy of 1962	6,945.93
Levy of 1963	17,481.77
Levy of 1964	60,292.86

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1964	10.38
Special Assessments:	
Unappor. Sewer Assess. — 1964	390.28
Unappor. Sidewalk Assess. — 1964	125.75
Unappor. Storm Drain — 1964	2,789.56
Appor. Sewer Added to Taxes 1963	35.00
Appor. Sewer Added to Taxes 1964	223.14
Committed Interest — 1964	61.04

Tax Titles

Tax Possessions	17,723.22
Departmental:	

a/r Sewer	1,385.00
a/r Health	477.00
a/r Highway	66.45
a/r Welfare	1,202.67
a/r Aid to Dependent Children	2,480.99

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance	48,597.82
Old Age Administration	2,414.22
Aid Dependent Children	17,047.82
Aid Dependent Children — Admin.	2,314.87
Medical Aid to Aged	14,812.19
Medical Aid to Aged — Admin.	1,354.27
Disability Assistance	1,612.25
Disability Assistance — Admin.	2,133.72
National Defense Education Act	1,052.03

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Personnel Board — Salary Survey	1,000.00
Interceptor Sewer Plans	582.64
Meadow St. — Alhambra Sewers	1,891.30
Ramah Circle North, South, etc.	899.00
Ramah Circle North — 1958	1,416.90
So. Main St. Sanitary Sewer	181.47
Suffield St. — Industrial Park — Drain ..	220.43
So. Westfield St. Sanitary Sewer	4,695.24
Lincoln St. Drain and Resurface	1,583.50
Simpson Circle Sanitary Sewer	938.62
Chapter 90 Construction — 1959	3.73
Chapter 90 Construction — 1961	10,431.46
Chapter 90 Construction — 1963	29,469.74
Chapter 90 Construction — 1964	33,418.50
Mittineague Bridge — Chapter 782	17,000.00
No. Westfield St. Sidewalk	2,005.76
Cooper St. Sidewalk	7,616.71
Federal St. Sidewalk	5,201.19
Monroe St. Sidewalk and Parking Area	362.24
Schools — Land Purchase —	
Main and Reed Streets	1,875.00
Schools — Land Taking School Purp.	2,575.00
Jr. High Building Commission — Plans ..	195.84

1,196.45

91,339.19

TOWN OF AGAWAM — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1964

ASSETS

a/r Veterans' Benefits	4,488.07
a/r Schools	90.00
Water:	
Rates	32,010.72
Miscellaneous	3,293.12
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1961	4.35
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1962	23.75
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1963	286.53
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1964	1,422.65

Aid to Highways:

State	36,575.03
County	21,900.02

Accounts to be raised:

*1963 Snow Removal**	1,240.38
Court Judgment	596.90

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Granger School Addition — Plans	478.74
Planning Board Master Plans	147.78
Planning Board Zoning Revision	170.95
Civil Defense — Administration37
Civil Defense — All Other40
Land Taking — Heirs D. Crowley	150.00
Easement Elbert Road	2.00
Land Taking — School and Fire Purp.	39,000.00
Land Taking — Maynard St.	1.00
Water — Meter Account	2,500.00
Riverview Ave. Water Main	862.88
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	166,878.39

Revolving Funds:

School Lunch Program	18,167.15
School Athletics	631.78
School, Adult, Evening	1,700.16
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	20,499.09
	33,582.31

Overlay Surplus

Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	
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1958 Overlay	251.20
1959 Overlay	385.20
1960 Overlay	10,649.71
1961 Overlay	21,075.90
1962 Overlay	27,005.63
1963 Overlay	14,411.84
1964 Overlay	46,079.18
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	119,858.66

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	97,269.27
Farm Animal Excise	10.38
Tax Title and Possession	19,797.96
Special Assessments	3,624.77
Departmental	10,190.18
Water	37,041.12

Aid to Highways	58,475.05	226,408.73
Overestimates:		
State Parks and Reservations		800.02
Surplus		455,698.95
Reserved for Appropriation:		
Chapter 782 — Highway	496.14	
Expires June 30, 1965	3,929.50	
State Aid to Libraries		4,425.64
Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Reimbursement		35,000.00
	<u>\$1,167,172.05</u>	<u>\$1,167,172.05</u>

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NON-REVENUE

Cash	\$ 49,008.88	
Granger School Addition	\$ 15,863.60	
Connecticut River Interceptor Sewer	4,489.44	
Springfield and Suffield Sts. Drain	22,299.08	
Shea's Field Elementary School	2,006.23	
High School Addition	3,470.05	
Jr. High Cafeteria Addition	880.48	
	<u>49,008.88</u>	

DEFERRED REVENUE

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue Not Due	\$ 8,057.21	\$ 8,057.21
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Revenue Not Due	10.75	10.75
	<u>\$ 8,067.96</u>	<u>\$ 8,067.96</u>

Town Clerk and Treasurer

BIRTHS — recorded through October 31, 1964	282
DEATHS	124
MARRIAGE Licenses issued in the town	188
Financial Statements	533
Business Certificates	47
Dog Licenses	1184
Male	596
Female	109
Spayed	479
Kennel	22
Recording Fees	\$3,796.00
Sporting Licenses	8,581.80

Municipal Indebtedness

Purpose of Loan	Year Issued	Rate	Date of Retirement	Yearly Prin. Payment	Outstanding
INSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
Feeding Hills School Extension	1949	2%	2-1969	\$20,000.00	\$ 99,000.00
South St. Elem. School	1956	2.60	7-1974	15,000.00	115,000.00
Robinson Park School	1959	3.80	7-1979	20,000.00	300,000.00
Springfield Storm Drain	1961	3.10	5-1971	25,000.00	140,000.00
High School Addition	1961	3.10	5-1981	15,000.00	245,000.00
Jr. High Cafeteria Addition	1962	2%	11-1967	25,000.00	75,000.00
Conn. River Interceptor Sewer	1963	2.20	7-1968	50,000.00	200,000.00
Granger School Addition	1964	3.10	1-1984	20,000.00	340,000.00
OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT					
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	1.70	2-1972	10,000.00	80,000.00
New High School	1954	2¼%	2-1974	105,000.00	1,050,000.00
South St. Elem. School	1956	2.60	7-1973	15,000.00	120,000.00
Robinson Park School	1959	3.80	7-1979	15,000.00	190,000.00
TRUST FUNDS					
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund Securities and Savings Bank Deposits					\$ 5,595.00
Desire A. Payne Fund Securities					2,000.00
Mary E. Phelon School Fund Securities and Savings Bank Deposits					4,225.93
Mary E. Phelon Library Fund Securities					500.00
Old Cemetery Fund Savings Bank Deposits					700.00
Maple Grove Cemetery Fund Savings Bank Deposits					1,405.79
Old Cemetery Ass'n. of Feeding Hills Fund Savings Bank Deposits					280.00
Feeding Hills Old Cemetery Association Fund					160.00
Faolin M. Peirce Fund Securities					20,106.72
Clara H. Williams Nursing Scholarship					500.00

Town Collector

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Out- standing 1-1-1965
TAXES:				
LEVY OF 1964				
Farm Excise	153.93	143.55		10.38
Previous Years	80.75	80.75		
Personal Property	228,627.58			
Refunds	108.63	215,420.77	539.18	12,776.26
Previous Years	25,297.76			
Refunds	186.45	9,702.30	972.65	14,809.26
Poll Taxes				
Previous Years	698.00	240.00	226.00	232.00
Real Estate	2,431,012.89			
Refunds	8,228.85	2,178,348.70	107,741.24	
Tax Titles			1,125.75	152,026.05
Previous Years	126,793.48			
Refunds	1,598.04	117,016.43	2,604.80	8,770.29
Motor Vehicles	431,677.12			
Refunds	8,960.08	346,335.13	34,009.21	60,292.86
Previous Years	112,148.31			
Refunds	2,424.53	70,045.76	7,550.67	36,976.41
WATER:				
Rates	202,401.95			
Refunds	2.60	160,042.72	3,718.71	
			**6,632.40	32,010.72
Miscellaneous Billings	6,638.02			
Refunds	8.00	3,324.25	28.65	3,293.12
Water Liens				
Added to 1964 Taxes	6,632.40			
Refunds	34.08	5,201.43		
Tax Titles			42.40	1,422.65
Previous Years	1,093.56	778.93		314.63
Water Connections	4,465.00			
Refunds	239.08	4,465.00	239.08	
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
SEWER CONNECTIONS				
Refunds	15,705.00			
	130.00	15,705.00	130.00	
Sewer Acc./Rec.	1,857.52	212.52	260.00	1,385.00
Highway Acc./Rec.	123.45	57.00		66.45
Health and Sanitation	2,273.00	1,796.00		477.00
School	2,218.38	2,128.38		90.00
Veterans' Benefits	20,514.74	16,026.67		4,488.07
Welfare				
State	2,568.04	1,617.21		950.83
Cities and Towns	1,726.55	1,474.71		251.84
Old Age Assistance				
State	14,398.47	14,398.47		
Cities and Towns	1,031.63	1,031.63		
Aid to Dependent Children	12,906.84	10,425.85		2,480.99
Disability Assistance	5,550.47	5,550.47		
Medical Aid for the Aged	26,902.66	26,902.66		
Municipal Liens	243.00	243.00		

BETTERMENTS:

Apportioned Sewer				
Added to 1964 Taxes	1,546.59	1,323.45		223.14
Previous Years	298.75	263.75		35.00
Apportioned Sidewalk				
Added to 1964 Taxes	43.85	43.85		
Committed Interest				
Added to 1964 Taxes	397.37	336.73		60.64
Previous Years	72.93	72.53		.40
Unapportioned Sewer	10,933.13			
Refunds	274.00	5,821.59	2,319.70	3,065.84
Unapportioned Sidewalk	994.08			
Refunds	186.00	404.77	649.56	125.75
Apportioned Sewer Paid in Advance	975.25	975.25		
Apportioned Sidewalk Paid in Advance	6.92	6.92		
**Deferred Revenue				

Uncle Tom's Cabin, Silver Street, July, 1905



Board of Assessors

ASSESSOR'S STATISTICAL REPORT

1964

Number of Horses Assessed	115
Number of Cows Assessed	118
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed	22
Number of Swine Assessed	2
Number of Fowls Assessed	20,520
All Other Livestock Assessed	817

Total Number of Livestock Assessed	21,594
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Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	\$ 124,235.00
Value of Assessed Machinery	1,810,150.00
Value of Assessed Livestock	11,325.00
Value of All Other Tangible Property Assessed	946,060.00

Total Value of all Personal Property Assessed	\$ 2,891,770.00
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Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	4,467
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	12,300
Number of Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed	10,828
Number of 1963 Motor Vehicles and Trailers	
Assessed in 1964	746
Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	\$ 7,557,764.00
Value of 1963 Motor Vehicles and Trailers	
Assessed in 1964	668,162.00
Excise Tax Assessed on Motor Vehicles and Trailers	431,677.12
Excise Tax Assessed on 1963 Motor Vehicles and Trailers	
Assessed in 1964	17,222.31

VALUATIONS

Value of Buildings Assessed	\$26,665,595.00
Value of Land Assessed	4,106,720.00

Total Value of Real Estate	\$30,772,315.00
Value of Personal Estate	2,891,770.00

Total Value of All Assessed Estate	\$33,664,085.00
(upon which taxes have been levied as follows)	
County Tax	45,463.02
State Parks and Reservations	9,715.45
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	7,049.98
Town Appropriation	3,698,823.99
Veterans' Service District	8,295.72
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District	1,257.44
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	1,531.35
Under Estimate State Parks 1963	896.96
Under Estimate County Tax 1963	964.39
Under Estimate County Hospital 1963	560.40
Overlay of Current Year	154,359.60

\$ 4,064,928.12

LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 239,916.01
Corporation Taxes	90,661.57
Reimbursement on Account of Publicly Owned Land	10,894.12
Old Age Tax (Meals) Ch. 64B S.10	3,621.76
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	330,000.00
Licenses	20,000.00
Fines	1,000.00
Special Assessments	5,000.00
General Government	5,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property	500.00
Health and Sanitation	12,000.00
Highways	100.00
Charities	21,000.00
Old Age Assistance	39,000.00
Veterans' Service	11,000.00
Schools	94,000.00
Libraries	500.00
Recreation	300.00
Public Service Enterprises	190,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	5,000.00
State Assistance for School Constr. Chapt. 645 Acts of 1948	104,000.00
Farm Animal Excise	200.00
Housing Authority	1,500.00
In Lieu of Taxes (City of Springfield)	3,600.00

Total Estimated Receipts \$ 1,189,293.46

Amounts voted from Available Funds

July 9, 1963	24,891.77		
October 3, 1963	56,793.61		
December 19, 1963	37,048.21		
March 16, 1964	15,381.77		
March 16, 1964	82,056.58	216,171.94	1,405,465.40

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$2,659,462.72
Value of Personal Property \$2,891,770 @ 79.00	228,449.83	
Value of Real Estate \$30,772,315 @ \$79.00	2,431,012.89	
		\$2,659,462.72

One of Agawam's newest apartment buildings — the William Pynchon Towne House on Meadow Street



Department of Public Works

Since the death of Supt. Armand Foote in November of 1963, the departmental activities have been under the supervision of Donald J. Campbell. The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Campbell as Acting Superintendent with Tighe & Bond, Inc. as consultants to the department.

HIGHWAY SECTION:

The following streets were surface treated: Fruwirth Avenue, Kensington Street, Oak Hill Avenue, Parker Street and Rowley Street.

The following streets were applied with bituminous concrete overlay: Emerson Road, Haskel Street, Central Street, Moore Street, School Street, Ley Street and Cleveland Street.

The following streets were reconstructed: Sylvan Lane, Stanley Place, Clematis Street and Valentine Terrace were connected.

All gravel roads were treated with dust layer. All streets were patched where necessary. A parking lot and sidewalk were constructed by Town forces at the Agawam Center Library. The North Westfield Street sidewalk was completed under contract. The Cooper Street and Federal Street sidewalks were completed under contract. During the Federal Street sidewalk construction, it was found necessary to reconstruct a portion of the highway at the bottom of the Federal Street Hill and guard rails were also installed as a safety factor. All school cross walks were painted prior to school opening. Brush was cut at all intersections and where traffic hazards existed.

Under the Chapter 90 maintenance program, South Street, Elm Street and Meadow Street were resurfaced with Bituminous concrete, Type I and Shoemaker Lane was surface treated.

Last year a program was started to replace all street signs throughout the Town and they were installed on Main Street. During this past year we have purchased signs for the River Road area and they will be installed when weather permits.

WATER SECTION:

An 8" water line was installed by Town forces on Poplar Street, 6" lines were installed on Ley Street and Cottage. During the year 52 water lines were renewed. 37 water breaks were repaired. 57 new connections were installed. 389 miscellaneous calls were serviced and 150 meters were installed.

The preliminary study for improving the water distribution system was completed by Tighe & Bond, Inc. under the Housing & Home Finance Agency for advance planning. This provides a general plan for improving the water distribution system so as to provide flows not only for the present but for the future needs as the Town develops.

SEWER SECTION:

The sanitary sewer and pumping station on South Westfield Street was completed and is in operation. The Simpson Circle Sanitary Sewer has been completed.

The Connecticut River Interceptor sewer and two pumping stations on River Road has been completed as of June 15, 1964 and is in operation. The upkeep and repairs on the pumping stations is very intricate and must be done by experienced personnel, therefore the Town contracted with Zografos Co. to inspect and maintain the six pumping stations daily.

Surface drains have been installed on Ramah Circle North and South at Walnut Street Extension. Also on Norris Street and Rhodes Avenue. Approximately 200 feet of drainage was installed on Suffield Street to service the Cogswell Manufacturing Company plant which is now under construction in that area.

61 sewer connections were installed and 278 plugged sewers were serviced.

SNOW REMOVAL — GARBAGE — RUBBISH:

Snow removal operations were carried on as usual. Rubbish collections were made every two weeks with 10 schedules in effect. Garbage was collected by our contractor, Ralph D'Amato.

NEW EQUIPMENT:

The following equipment was purchased during the year:

- 1 — 4 yd. Dump Truck
- 1 — 1/2 ton Truck with Utility Body
- 1 — 1 ton Dump Truck
- 1 — 3-5 ton Tandem Roller
- 1 — Tapping Machine

ENGINEERING DEPT.:

An Assistant Town Engineer was appointed at the beginning of the year. In spite of the limited personnel in this department, all engineering work which was necessary to complete construction projects by Town forces was accomplished. This department also worked in co-ordination with our Consultant Engineer on contract construction and Planning Board work. General engineering information was given to the general public and also Town meeting article estimates, betterment assessments, street acceptances, future utility expansion planning, etc.

The personnel in the Public Works Department wish to express their thanks to Town residents, the Board of Selectmen and other Town Departments for their co-operation.



Police Department

I wish to extend, for myself, and every member of the Police Department our thanks for the splendid cooperation given us in the past year by our Police Commissioners and the citizens of Agawam.

May I speak for the "Jay Cees" in extending their appreciation to the citizens and business of Agawam for their whole-hearted support and generosity to the Ambulance Fund Drive. Through this mutual effort, a Pontiac Ambulance has been ordered and will be available to the Town in March of 1965.

In May two promotions were made; Sgt. Borgatti to Captain and Officer Chriscola to Sergeant. The Captain works a split shift from 7:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M., overlapping the two night shifts, allowing a superior officer to be in charge during our most active period. This change also permits the use of a third patrol car during this period, thus enabling us to utilize car and personnel to better advantage.

In keeping with our past policy, Officers Cartello and Kane attended the Police Officers Training School at the State Police Academy, Framingham for a period of six weeks.

I. Your Police Department's Activity Report for the year 1964.

	1962	1963	1964
Recovered Property	\$27,118.75	\$46,618.82	\$54,419.73
Revolver Permits, etc.	346.00	266.00	244.00
Ambulance Cases	266	329	342
Medical Cruisers	197	253	267
Missing Persons	26	46	27
House Checks	273	231	241
Business Checks	661	668	668
Complaints	1493	1803	2009
Dog Complaints	149	442	324

II. Criminal Report and Arrests.

In following with our policy to up date our records and maintain a more uniform system as recommended by the State and Federal Agencies, we are altering our systems gradually to meet theirs. This year our report regarding persons arrested will show only the most serious charge against any one person, not all the charges. In other words the report can not show more than one arrest per person at a specified time although he may have been charged with several offenses.

	1962	1963	1964
Arrests — Persons only (not crimes)			267
Against Person			7
Against Property			35
Against Public Order			225
Dispositions			
Guilty			239
Not Guilty			27
Pending			1
Turned over (to other Depts.)			25

Traffic Enforcement

Arrests	368	340	354
Warnings	161	126	57
Parking	0	63	0
Reported to Registry for Action	85	125	87
Accidents	197	219	240
a. Personal Injury Accidents	129	127	125
b. Property Damage Accidents	65	91	115
c. Fatal	3	1	3
d. No. Persons Injured	189	189	173
e. No. Persons Killed	4	1	3

I wish to thank the members of our department, other Town departments, neighboring law enforcement agencies and the Auxiliary Police for their splendid cooperation and I am sure we will continue to work together striving to make our community a better place in which to work, play and live.

Twenty-two members of Agawam's regular and auxiliary police personnel recently completed a civil defense course on "Individual and family survival," sponsored by the state Civil Defense Agency and the state Department of Education, taught by George LeRoy of the East Longmeadow school system. Shown in the picture left to right, are: LeRoy, Arthur Zavarella, Agawam Civil Defense Director; Chairman Frank Chriscola, Jr., of the Board of Selectmen, Sgt. Raymond LeGrand of the auxiliary police and Police Chief Kenneth Grady.



Fire Department

This report includes the organization, apparatus, number of alarms, receipts, recommendations for the coming year and such other information as may be of interest.

ORGANIZATION

At the end of the year 1964 the Personnel of the Fire Department consisted of 28 members; 22 Firefighters, 5 Lieutenants, and Chief.

New members were added in 1964 adding one more firefighter to station 1, the High Value District.

RECEIPTS

Receipts totaling \$69.00 have been received for oil burner permits and this sum has been turned over to the Town Treasurer's Office.

INSPECTIONS FOR 1964

Oil Burners	18	Old Age Home Tests of Fire Alarms	12
L.B. Gas	12	Places of Public Assembly	30
Storage Tanks	6	Business and Industrial	418
Churches	27	Fire Drills at Schools	32
Schools	32	Investigations and Violations	202
Wilson Rest Home	4	Repeat Calls on Oil Burners	52
Total of 845			

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 1964 the Fire Department responded to 498 alarms. These alarms are divided into the following categories:

Buildings	58	Grass and Brush	297
Emergency	73	Autos and Trucks	46
Needless	21	False Alarms	3

The year 1964 has again broken the record for fires with a total of 22 calls over the total of the previous year.

Total Runs Made By Each Station

North Agawam Station No. 1	312
Feeding Hills No. 2	214
Agawam Center No. 3	198

Due to the lack of help in the department. Station No. 1 has to respond to 90% of the calls in the town to assist the other stations in combating Forest and building fires.

On September 2, 1964 Agawam had to call on Mutual Aid for a dwelling fire on Main St. The Town of West Springfield sent Agawam a Ladder Truck to open the roof and to open the top floor and a Pump Truck to assist in extinguishing this fire.

It is interesting to compare our operations with surrounding cities and towns. For response to an average home fire, West Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, Springfield, or Westfield, (our neighbors) sends from three to six pieces of modern appa-

ratus manned by from 14 to 36 men including, a Chief, Deputy Chief, or both, Captains, Lieutenants and Firefighters. Backing up this compliment and ready to roll would be several other well equipped companies. In Agawam, for the same fire, we would have to send two pieces of apparatus, one manned by two men, one manned by two men and a Lieutenant. The Chief of the Department, who would often be off duty at the time would also likely respond. Additional help (call men) would respond if they were in town and if they received the alarm. Due to no fault of their own these men most often arrive at the fire grounds after the critical period of hazards to persons and property. As the records show, no help from call men is received at many fires. The point to be made here is that with fewer men under less supervision, using inferior and less equipment, we are expected to fight the same fires as effectively as our neighboring fire departments.

FIRE LOSSES

Total valuation of buildings and contents where fires occurred was \$147,125.00. Total loss on buildings and contents paid through insurance amounted to \$61,740.34.

Fires and losses for the last four years

Year	Fire Alarm	Total Losses
1961	342	\$27,342.50
1962	414	35,645.53
1963	476	56,874.00
1964	498	61,740.34

FIRE SCHOOL

Robert Mercadante, Douglas Kerr, William Parent and William Barker, attended the Conn. State Fire School for one week. We have received permission to send four more men in 1965, with the hope of continuing to do so until all the members have attended.

APPARATUS

- 1 — 1930 International (Taken out of service) (Very poor condition)
 - 1 — 1931 International (Poor condition, needs work)
 - 1 — 1946 American LaFrance (Fair condition)
 - 1 — 1948 Seagrave (Good condition)
 - 1 — 1949 Seagrave (Good condition)
 - 1 — 1954 Ford (Good condition)
 - 1 — 1962 Chevrolet Wagon (Good condition)
- Motor job completed for 1948 Seagrave, and 1949 Seagrave in 1964.

RECOMMENDATIONS

For the fourth consecutive year I am asking for manpower, apparatus and equipment along with the recommendations of the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association who made a survey of the Town in May of 1963 and the Committee appointed by the Selectmen to look into the needs of the department in 1964. This committee has worked very hard throughout the year and I hope the taxpayers will listen to and act on their recommendations.

We recommend that a paid Deputy Chief be appointed so that at least one chief officer will be on duty at all times.

That the full paid force be increased in strength by the appointment of three (3) paid men. This will provide the minimum on duty around the clock, as recommended by the Fire Insurance Rating Association. I received four (4) new men in 1963 and with these three I will have the seven needed to meet the recommendation of the Association.

That a new Truck be purchased with at least 208 feet of ladders, and have a pump with at least 200 gallons of water, also to carry all rescue equipment such as life net, scott air packs, oxygen, power tools, etc.

To the various Town Officials and members of their departments who have always cooperated with us in every way whenever necessary, I extend my thanks.

To Chief Kenneth Grady and the members of his department I wish to say thanks again for all the help and cooperation in 1964.

To the paid men and the call men of my department I wish to say thank you for a job well done. We had a rough year with a small loss and this is something to be proud of. Every fire proves that it matters little what type of department is concerned; the hazards of fire fighting make no distinction between groups. With the cooperation and hard work of this group, we are a hard team to beat.

Housing Authority

Our development program of new Housing for the Elderly was not successfully begun during 1964 mainly because of two factors. First, the inability of the State Division of Housing to reach agreement with us on the selection of an Architect and second the legal difficulties encountered in trying to obtain a zone variance and acquisition of a site on Edward Street. However, things look much brighter for 1965. The architectural problem has been solved with the selection of the firm of Munson & Mallis, Inc. The attempt to obtain the site on Edward Street has been abandoned and a new site selected and approved by the Division of Housing. The new site lies between Emerson Road and Wright Street on the west side of Main Street just below Leonard Street at Agawam Center. It is our belief that the major obstacles to the building of this project have now been removed and our forty-unit development will be begun this spring and be completed before another winter begins. At the present time there are seventy applicants awaiting elderly housing in Agawam.

Admission and occupancy income limits for elderly housing as set by the State Division of Housing are as follows:

	Admission Limits	Continued Occupancy Limits
Single Individuals	\$2500.00 Per Year	\$3125.00 Per Year
Couples	\$3000.00 Per Year	\$3750.00 Per Year

The above refers to total income from all sources. During the year we had one vacancy which was filled from among the applications on file.

At this point we wish to make it perfectly clear that tenants are selected from applications on hand by a majority vote of the members of the Housing Board.

Other qualifications for occupancy are: A person must be at least sixty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and be in need of safe and sanitary housing. By law we must accept an application from any legal resident of the Commonwealth but we, like most other Housing Authorities exercise our option of giving first consideration to Agawam people. During the year the street through our elderly project known as Country View Circle was accepted by the Town of Agawam as a public street.

At our veterans project, Joseph J. Brady Village, on Springfield Street we have now had one year's experience with the new gas heat installation. We find the equipment is almost completely trouble-free and there has been no loss of heat due to boiler room or distribution system difficulties. The gas heat is clean and will enable us to keep a more efficient boiler room than was possible previously. We found the gas heat to be somewhat more expensive and in this respect were obliged to raise the charges to the tenants for heat and hot water by \$2.50 per month.

A new system of rubbish removal and pickup was installed this year. A co-operative effort between our tenants, our custodian and the Town of Agawam resulted in a better system at a saving to the Authority. It is hoped that other systems such as repairs and maintenance, snow plowing, etc., now in the planning stages will be just as successful.

We were fortunate in being able to acquire 154 wood storm windows from another Housing Authority at no cost. We have installed 134 of these windows on our project. We feel that many benefits will accrue from this installation. Among these being the obvious saving of heat losses and inside window protection during the winter.

It was decided to hold up the exterior painting of the project until more information could be obtained on various siding products. Consideration is being given to putting siding on at least some of the buildings during 1965 and working out a plan to eventually cover all twelve buildings. With painting costs rising every year this program has been discussed with the Division of Housing and has been favorably received.

The State Division of Housing has advised that income and continued occupancy limits on veterans housing may be raised if permission is first obtained to do so. This authority has not felt the need to proceed in this instance and therefore are operating on the schedule listed below. In brackets are the new limits.

Minor Dependents	Admission Limits	Continued Occupancy Limits
One or Less	\$4500.00 (\$4800.00)	\$5000.00 (\$5500.00)
Two	\$4700.00 (\$5000.00)	\$5200.00 (\$5700.00)
*Three or More	\$4900.00 (\$5200.00)	\$5400.00 (\$5900.00)

*In computing rents the Division of Housing has given permission for a \$200.00 deduction from total family income for each Minor dependent in excess of three.

The average cost of shelter rent for two or three bedroom units (without heat or hot water charges) is \$46.11 per month. During the year there were seven vacancies which were filled from applications on file.

This Authority has paid to the Town of Agawam this year in lieu of Taxes the sum of \$1584.00. Financial statements for project 200-C (Veterans) and project 667-1 (Elderly) are included with this report.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1964
PROJECT 200-C

ASSETS

ADMINISTRATION FUND		\$ 3,778.16
PETTY CASH		25.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Tenants	\$ 882.00	
State Aid	875.00	
Miscellaneous	1,794.71	
		<hr/> 3,551.71
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT — Gas Installation		7,953.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND		
200-1	\$ 9,161.25	
200-2	106.29	
		<hr/> 9,267.54
INVESTMENTS — Schedule I		35,861.90
DEBT SERVICE TRUST FUND		819.94
PREPAID INSURANCE		1,873.38
DEVELOPMENT COSTS	\$471,000.00	
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	114,000.00	
		<hr/> 357,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<hr/> \$420,130.63

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Gas Installation	\$ 7,953.00	
Miscellaneous	614.12	
		<hr/> \$ 8,567.12
EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING TAXES		104.79
ACCRUALS		
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,188.00	
Matured Interest and Principal 200-1	9,161.25	
Matured Interest and Principal 200-2	1,368.75	
		<hr/> 11,718.00
TENANTS SECURITY DEPOSITS		1,477.00
BONDS AUTHORIZED	\$471,000.00	
Less: Bonds Retired	114,000.00	
		<hr/> 357,000.00
RESERVES		
Debt Service 200-1	\$ 12,168.37	
Debt Service 200-2	5,722.30	
Unamortized Bond Premium	1,819.94	
Operating Reserve	21,044.76	
		<hr/> 40,755.37
SURPLUS		508.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		<hr/> \$420,130.63

SCHEDULE I

INVESTMENTS

Springfield Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$ 10,123.37
Worcester Federal Savings and Loan Association	4,180.74
U. S. Treasury Notes	1,000.00
Union Federal Savings and Loan Association	9,283.01
Springfield Institution for Savings	7,677.93
Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank	3,593.79
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	\$ 35,861.90

OPERATING STATEMENT PROJECT 200-C

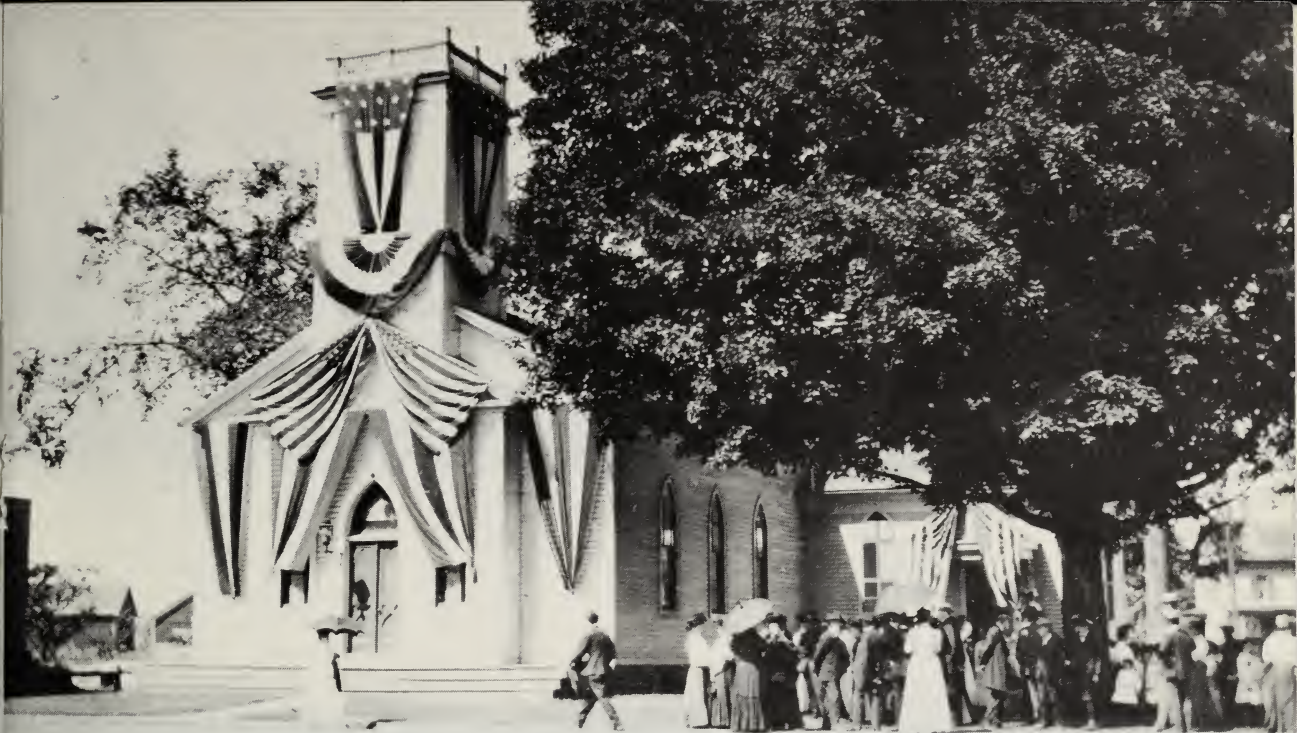
September 30, 1964

INCOME

Shelter Rent	\$ 25,087.65
Utility Charges to Tenants	7,478.00
Miscellaneous Project Income	1,328.88
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TOTAL PROJECT INCOME	\$ 33,894.53

EXPENSE

Administrative Salaries and Services	\$ 2,450.24
Other Administrative Expense	851.60
Compensation to Authority Members	680.46
Water	1,197.41
Electricity	619.57
Gas	9,027.09
Personal Services — R. M. and R.	3,369.84
Materials and Supplies, Repairs	1,297.95
Contractual Services and Repairs	2,573.42
Insurance Expense	1,009.64
Authority Share — Blue Cross Payments	103.50
Collection Losses	48.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,584.00
Provision for Operating Reserve	3,307.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	300.00
Debt Service Requirements	16,741.46
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TOTAL EXPENSE	45,161.18
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DEFICIT BEFORE STATE AID	\$ 11,266.65
STATE AID	
Commonwealth Contribution	\$ 11,775.00
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SURPLUS	\$ 508.35



Agawam Baptist Church during the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Town of Agawam, August, 1905

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1964
PROJECT 677-1

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ASSETS

ADMINISTRATION FUND	\$ 5,387.98
PETTY CASH	100.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE — Sundry	2,711.40
INVESTMENT — Hampden Savings Bank	10,500.00
PREPAID INSURANCE	2,461.42
DEVELOPMENT COSTS	\$495,000.00
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	19,000.00
	<hr/> 476,000.00
INCOMPLETED CONTRACTS	3,000.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$500,160.80

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 153.33
CONTRACT RETENTIONS	8,233.94
EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING	126.74
NOTES AUTHORIZED	\$495,000.00
Less: Notes Retired	19,000.00
	<hr/> 476,000.00
MATURED INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL	279.39
CONTRACT AWARDS	3,000.00
DEBT SERVICE RESERVE	3,266.50
OPERATING RESERVE	7,893.91
SURPLUS	1,206.99
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$500,160.80



*King House
Main Street
Built about 1790*



*Speare House
Main Street*



*Class at Center School
about 1900*





*Captain Leonard House
about 1900
then known as
Fowler Home*



*Methodist Church
So. Main Street
Built in 1840*

*G. H. Moore
Chief of Police
September 8, 1905*



*The Bodurtha Home
On Elm Street*

OPERATING STATEMENT PROJECT 677-I

September 30, 1964

INCOME

Shelter Rent	\$ 17,880.00	
Utility Charges to Tenants	9,000.00	
Miscellaneous Project Income	172.33	
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TOTAL PROJECT INCOME		\$ 27,052.33

EXPENSE

Administrative Salaries and Services	\$ 2,449.72	
Other Administrative Expense	613.79	
Water	381.39	
Electricity	9,105.76	
Personal Services — R. M. and R.	2,340.00	
Materials and Supplies, Repairs	442.10	
Insurance Expense	714.58	
Authority Share — Blue Cross Payments	100.60	
Provision for Operating Reserve	1,440.00	
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	1,633.00	
Debt Service Requirements	19,000.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 38,220.34
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DEFICIT BEFORE STATE AID		\$ 11,168.01
STATE AID		
Commonwealth Contribution		\$ 12,375.00
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SURPLUS		\$ 1,206.99

Inspector of Buildings

89	Dwellings	\$1,154,835.00
14	Garages	14,290.00
48	Businesses	1,537,952.00
99	Additions and Alterations	151,476.00
66	Miscellaneous	86,449.00
27	Demolish	2,050.00
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343	TOTAL	\$2,947,052.00

In 1964, permits were issued for 18 Apartment Buildings, for a total of \$849,220.00 and 159 living units.

During the year this department made periodic inspections of factories,

churches, schools, bars, night clubs and places of public assembly. Nearly all inspections showed that these places are in good condition and meet the Department of Safety Regulations.

Zoning By-Law violations were numerous and the Building Inspector as enforcement officer, made many calls correcting these conditions.

The forecast of Building Activities for 1965 indicate that two and possibly three new industries will locate in Agawam. Speculative Builders of Dwelling and Sub-Divisions now approved, indicate that in 1965 the permits for dwelling will surpass the total dwelling permits for 1964.

Many cases of building without a permit were found. These were warned and construction halted by posting a Stop-Work-Order for a definite period before a permit was issued.

The Building Department wishes to thank the Selectmen, Police, Fire, Health, Engineering and other departments for their co-operation without which investigations and enforcement would be extremely difficult.

Electrical Inspector

Five hundred twenty-seven permits were issued to do electrical work, and the number of inspections made is summarized as follows:

New Dwellings	303
New Apartment Buildings	77
Existing Dwellings	618
New Industrial and Commercial Buildings	69
Existing Industrial and Commercial Buildings	224
Public Buildings	26
Re-inspection due to improver work	68
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Total Inspections	1385

Eighteen cases of defective wiring, discovered during inspection of other work, have been corrected. Defective wiring, installed without permit in two night clubs, is now in the process of being repaired by licensed electricians.

Only six permits have been issued for wiring of lights and electrical equipment in connection with swimming pools, although many pools have been constructed this year. I caution everyone that improperly connected electrical equipment near pools, especially the portable type with portable filters, is dangerous. Before summer 1965, I intend to inspect all pools which were not reported for electrical inspections this year.

I wish to thank everyone for the co-operation extended to me in the performance of my work during the past year.

Inspector of Plumbing

In the Year of 1964 the Plumbing Inspector made a total of 917 plumbing inspections consisting of:

43	Industrial and Commercial Inspections
7	Tankless Water Heaters
14	Septic Tanks
3	Safety Valves
223	Gas Inspections
115	Water Heaters
124	Final Plumbing Inspections
151	Rough Plumbing Inspections
131	Sewer Inspections
98	Home General Repairs
8	Investigations

This has required an average of 37 hours per week, and an average mileage of 168 miles per week.

I wish to thank Charles Ferrero, Assistant Inspector, and all those who assisted me in 1964.

Planning Board

During the Year 1964 the Planning Board held, in addition to the twelve regular meetings, twenty-one special meetings. Included among the meetings were several public hearings for Zone changes, Sub-Divisions, and Zoning By-Law changes.

The Planning Board is happy to report that the Town has grown considerably in the Residential, Business, and Industrial areas. We look forward to the coming year with enthusiasm.

The Planning Board also reports that the work of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission was solid progress highlighted by the important decisions which led to the key role of the Districts in the Comprehensive Area Transportation Study. The beginning of 1964 saw the completion and distribution of the generalized soil survey report and map. The Commission was called upon by the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Public Roads, the Department of Public Works and the HHFA to play a major role in the Area Transportation Study. Undertakings facing the Commission in 1965 are providing a professional staff and starting comprehensive work on an area development plan. The chief role in the Area Transportation Study is the development of an overall plan for the entire region, a truly monumental task.

The Planning Board wishes to thank all those who co-operated with the Board during 1964.

Clearing House

We wish to thank the various civic groups, churches, clubs, and individuals who have donated through this Clearing House Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, gifts, and camperships.

These donations have meant a great deal to the ones receiving them.

We feel the Clearing House is of help to the town in giving services to our needy.

Board of Appeals

A SALUTE TO PRIDE, FAITH AND COURAGE:

The Year 1964 closed with the resignation, as an active member of the Board, of Mr. Harold C. Atwater who served as Chairman of the Board of Appeals for THIRTY-FIVE YEARS. A dedicated public servant, who for so many years gave vast numbers of personal hours and business hours in behalf of the duties required of this Board. As associates of Mr. Atwater we salute him for the pride derived from his accomplishments, for the strong faith he had for his community, and for his courage in handling a difficult and complex job with dignity and complete integrity. May his service be an inspiration to all public servants.

Nineteen petitions asking variations from the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws or the Building Code were filed with the Board during 1964.

Two petitions were withdrawn, two were denied and one no decision, two being acted upon and three petitions pending. Nine petitions were granted. In several cases where the petition was granted, the Board included in the decision such restrictions as they considered necessary to protect the best interest of the Town and the neighborhood.

We wish once more to remind persons considering the purchase of a building lot or existing buildings to make sure that plans they may have for the future use of the property are in compliance with the various By-Laws of the Town as well as the various State laws involved.

Every year for some time past, the Board has had frequent petitions for variations of side lot requirements to allow the addition of garage and/or breezeway to an existing dwelling. The Board is able to grant a variance on comparatively few of these petitions because the Courts have ruled that if a garage can be located on the lot in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws, the desire of an owner to have it attached to the house is not a sufficient reason to grant a variation.

Lack of the consideration of the conditions cannot be considered a legal "Hardship." It is absolutely necessary to prove "Hardship" before any variation can be granted.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted	113
Sealed	780
Not Sealed	20
Condemned	26
Total	939

TRIAL WEIGHINGS AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

Number Correct	1087
Under Weight	142
Over Weight	100
Total Number Tested	1329

OTHER INSPECTIONS

Pedler's Licenses	9
Marking of Bread	41
Marking of Food Packages	1211
Clinical Thermometers	229
Glass Graduates	34
Oil Trucks and Certificates	30
Manufacturer's Sealed Oil Jars	14
Total	1568

SEALERS WORK SUMMARY

Devices Sealed Adjusted Condemned	939
Trial Weighings and Measurements	1329
Inspections	1568
Total	3836

SEALING FEES COLLECTED AND TURNED INTO THE TOWN TREASURER \$370.05

The General Laws of Massachusetts were amended in 1964 placing the responsibility for the care and preservation of our municipal standards of weights and measures, from the Town Treasurer, to the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

This department's work load continued to increase this year. Total Sealers work Summary of this report is 3836 compared to 3678 in 1963. Short weight and measure complaints were numerous this year; one complaint was brought to the attention of our district court.

Board of Public Welfare

YOUR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DOLLAR

WHERE IT COMES FROM:

Federal Government	51.7%
State Government	28.6%
Local Government	20.7%

WHERE IT WENT:

Old Age Assistance	27%
Medical Assistance for the Aged	49%
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	10%
Disability Assistance	12%
General Relief	2%
Ordinary Living Expenses	40.2%
Medical Expenses	59.8%

This year it was requested by the Finance Committee that our surplus Federal Funds on Old Age Assistance be used and no town funds appropriated. This we were glad to go along with reducing financing by the town for 1965 from \$106,100 to \$82,500. The Old Age Assistance case load has dropped to one half of the former number due in a large part to larger social security benefits for persons now attaining the age of 65 and to our Medical Assistance to the Aged program.

This department is functioning so that maximum Federal and State funds are received.

Director of Public Assistance

Through this past year we have had 240 cases opened and assisted in one way or another 388 people. During this period we have made 1291 contacts through home visits. We make our administrative claims on the basis of service contacts. All these contacts must be fully described and recorded. We are constantly having requests for complex reports for the State and Federal Governments which takes much of our time.

We have also set up and are receiving a larger share of administrative expenses for costs of service and maintenance of our portion of the town building in lieu of rent. In addition we are claiming Federal and State participation in the town's benefit plans for employees in this department.

Your Director of Public Assistance and Social Worker have attended institutes and meetings as well as the annual three day Public Welfare Conference in June which all help to stimulate and enrich our knowledge and understanding. Your Social Worker is not only fulfilling her duties in the department in an excellent manner but is also taking courses to attain her Master's Degree in Social Work.

We wish to thank the many individuals and agencies who have contributed time, service, and materials to help extend our case-work services.

Health Department

In 1964, the Health Department's expenses reached a low of 0.8 of 1% of the total budget of the Town of Agawam. The 1965 budget is even lower. Each year the Health Department offers better services, and new programs on less money than any surrounding community with a comparable department.

The Health Department, with the exception of salaries, is 77.4% self-supporting. The following fees were collected during 1964.

LICENSES			
Milk, Vehicle	10.50	Slaughter House	300.00
Milk, Store	25.00	Stables	2.00
Methyl Alcohol	11.00	Sale of Oleomargarine	11.50
Frozen Desserts	10.00	Milk Pasteurization	30.00
Trailer Park50	Day Camp50
Cabins and Motels	2.50	Day Care Center	60.00
		TOTAL LICENSES	\$715.50
FEES			
Nurses Fees	252.00	LICENSES	\$ 715.50
Trailer Park Fees	1,664.00	FEES	1,916.00
TOTAL FEES	\$1,916.00	TOTAL	\$2,631.50

The operating outlay in 1964 was \$3,387.19, while fees collected totaled \$2,631.50. It would follow that the Health Department operated at a cost to the taxpayers of \$750.00 for the year 1964, or 3.7 cents of the tax rate. Is 3.7 cents cents too much to pay for good health?

Co-operate with your Health Department and take advantage of its programs.

The Health Department conducted programs in 1964 of Tuberculin Testing, Oral Polio Clinics, Well Baby Clinics, Immunization Clinics, Rabies Clinics, Health Counseling, a new program of Diphtheria and Tetanus Immunization for school children and adults, and Anti-Smoking Clinics. A modified Mosquito Spray program was continued with the expected results.

The mosquito spray program can never be as effective as in past years, because of the restrictions on certain pesticide products. Present programs are developed with the idea of obtaining maximum wild-life protection while eliminating the most common type mosquito found around residential areas. It has been noted that many of the common birds found here in the past, but so rare lately, are returning to this area. DDT is no longer being used in any program by the Health Department.

The River Road interceptor, South Westfield Street, and Simpson Circle sewers were accepted this year to extend the present municipal system to approximately 80% of the total gravitational area of the town. Acceptance of the River Road interceptor sewer, awards Agawam the position of being the first community to completely remove all sewage from the Connecticut River. Now is the time to connect as many sewers as possible to the River Road interceptor to eliminate any danger to households in the River Road flood plain. In accordance with the en-

vironmental health program of sewers, the Agawam River was surveyed and all insanitary pipes were removed from the river.

A new environmental health program will be initiated this coming year. Because many complaints were received about brown rats, a continuing program of swamp and stream cleaning will be undertaken with the aid of the Department of Public Works. Rodent programs will be incorporated at the same time, by baiting rats with baits harmless to all animals and wildlife, except rats. In general, all streams will be cleared of debris and brush and stoppages removed which will increase brook flow. This will help eliminate areas of mosquito and insect breeding, and lessen spring flooding. All rodent holes will be baited. An evaluation study will also be undertaken.

Tuberculin testing by the "Tine Test" was started this year. The "Tine Test" is administered by puncturing the skin with four stainless steel tines attached to a plastic holder. The tines are coated with a pre-determined amount of testing serum. This test is virtually painless and not frightening to children. Each test unit is disposable, and all possible danger of cross infection is eliminated. Reactions, which can be measured precisely, are read 48 to 72 hours later, and are accurate to 97.8%. Testing was performed on 800 students in the first, seventh, and eleventh grades in school, a decrease of 57 students or 7% over last year.

Parents are urged, because of the increased number of tuberculosis patients to take advantage of this testing. The test is an indicator, which determines exposure to, or contact with tuberculosis.

In cooperation with the State Health Department and the School Department, the Diphtheria and Tetanus booster program was increased to include grade one, five, and nine. Sixty children in grade one received immunization for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Whooping Cough. This response of 15.4%, a low percentile, was expected in the first grade because most children receive their triple shots prior to entering school and are safely protected at grade one level. An increase was expected in the fifth and ninth grades. 146 fifth graders responded or 37.5% of the total enrollment. 58.3% or 184 freshmen received immunization. A survey in 1963 indicated 85% of the freshmen class had not received adequate booster injections. After completion of the program this year, 25% to 30% of the freshmen are still unprotected. This program will be continued in the future in grades five and nine with the expectation that parents will realize the need of this protection and respond to the program, or contact their own doctors. Three adult clinics were also held during the evening hours. During the three clinics 250 series shots and 547 booster shots were given for a total of 797 shots, or 5% of the total population. This low turn-out indicates the low interest of the townspeople in good health. A large percentage of the adults have never received any protection against tetanus and many have not received boosters since childhood. The risk of the disease is too great to ignore these clinics. The Department of Public Works received their annual protection against tetanus and typhoid in conjunction with the program.

With the cooperation of the State Health Department, this department held two special Oral Polio Clinics on Sunday afternoons, in June and April. A total of 9198 oral doses of tri-valent vaccine were distributed during the clinic. This

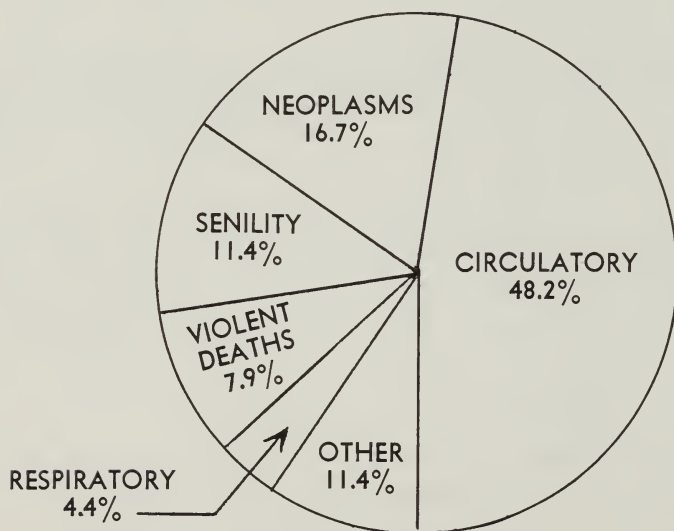
means that 57.4% of the total population has received some kind of primary protection. The total picture of protection against polio in the town, is as follows:

1. Pre-school	90% protected
2. School	87% "
3. Adult	57.4% "

No Polio Clinics are planned in the future.

In 1964, 449 dogs were protected against rabies. The serum used gives protection for three years. The total number of dogs protected in the last three years is 1254. This is only 50% of the registered dog population. Rabies in the bat, fox, and skunk population is still being reported. Rabies has been found in Massachusetts, and all the surrounding New England States. As long as reports are being received, there is serious danger that rabies will become more of a threat. Remember, "Every person who owns or harbors any dog . . . in the Town of Agawam shall immunize . . . same dog . . . against rabies, by inoculation with a vaccine."

During 1964, one hundred fifteen deaths occurred. This year the causes of death have been broken down into the different body systems and diseases related to them. As usual, heart disease claimed the greatest percentage of deaths (48.2%), while cancer was second with (16.7%). The five leading causes of death are as follows:



Causes of death are listed as follows:

I. Infective and Parasitic Diseases	3
1 Scarlet Fever	1 Amencephaly
1 Hepatitis	

II. Cancer and other Tumors	19
1 Brain Cancer	
3 Generalized Cancer	
4 Cancer of the Reproductive	
2 Cancer of the Throat	
2 Cancer of the Stomach	
3 Cancer of the Intestines	
4 Cancer of the Lungs	
III. Diseases of the Blood	1
1 Leukemia	
IV. Diseases of the Circulatory System	55
6 Coronary Sclerosis	
3 Myo Cardiac	
6 Coronary Thrombosis	
4 Coronary Occlusion	
3 Cerebro Vascular	
4 Heart Failure	
29 Arteriosclerosis	
V. Diseases of Respiratory System	5
3 Pneumonia	
2 Emphysema	
VI. Diseases of Digestive System	3
VII. Diseases Peculiar to the 1st Year of Life	5
1 Pneumonia	
4 Premature	
VIII. Violent or Accidental Deaths	9
2 Suicide	
7 Accidental	
IX. Senility	13
X. Ill Defined or Unknown	1
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TOTAL	114

As noted in the above chart, the highest cause of death in cancer is cancer of the reproductive system and of the lungs. If more women would obtain advice and undergo the "PAP" test and the population in general would cut-down or stop smoking the cancer rate could be reduced 42%. This would be 48 people in Agawam alone each year. You owe it to your loved one.

The six deaths of infants under one year are listed below. Three of the deaths or 59% were premature births. Five of the deaths were males and one female.

INFANT DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR

Month	Cause of Death	Age
January	Premature— Pulmonary Melectasis	20 Minutes
"	Pneumonia	1 Month 19 Days
February	Amencephaly	3 Minutes
May	Premature — Atelectosis	4 Hours 9 Minutes
October	Premature — Erythro Blastosis	1 Hour 30 Minutes
December	Premature — Atelectosis	14 Hours

It can be noted — (see chart below) — that twice as many females, who died in 1964, lived to over 80, than did the males. 22 Females who died in 1964 lived to 80 plus years, while only 11 males lived that long. This can be stated another way. Fewer females died between 60 to 80 years old (14) than did males (31). 39% of all deaths occurred between ages 60 and 80. 29% of the deaths occurred over 80 years of age.

There seems to be no month when more people die than any other; however, October had the highest death rate of 14.9%, while December had 2.6%. The average death rate was 10.54%. Sixty-eight or 58.7% of the deaths were males, while 47 (41.3%) were females.

The average age at death was 65.6 years old.

Population 1964 — 16,589

MORTALITY RATE BY MONTHS AND AGE

	Total Deaths	Male	Female	Under 1 Yr.	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	Over 80
January	9	6	3	2											3	1	2	1
February	9	7	2	1										1	2	2		3
March	10	4	6												3	3		4
April	8	6	2													4	2	2
May	10	4	6	1										1		3	3	2
June	10	6	4												3		4	3
July	7	6	1											1	2		2	2
August	10	8	2							2						1	4	3
September	10	5	5								1				2	1	1	5
October	15	8	7	1						1	1			2	1	4	3	2
November	13	6	7											4			4	5
December	3	2	1	1													1	1
TOTAL	114	68	46	6						1	4			9	16	19	26	33

There were 892 Communicable Diseases reported to the Health Department in 1964, compared to 468 in 1963. This increase of about 90% is due to increased cases of German Measles. While German Measles did peak in 1964 regular Measles did not. This would indicate that there will be an epidemic of Measles in 1965. Measles, an acute highly communicable, viral disease, can and does cause death, usually by complications; it can disable or maim. The unborn infant, when affected, can be deformed. Many measles vaccines are now available, and private physicians are using them regularly. The Health Department has received some calls about establishing a clinic to distribute this vaccine. If the response seems great, and the need presents itself, one will be established. At present, there is one film available describing measles vaccine, its use, and the need of vaccination. Interested parties should contact the Health Department for more information.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Diseases	Cases 1963	Cases 1964	Compared 1963
Chicken Pox	114	190	— 76
Strep Throat	6	20	— 14
Dog Bite	87	122	— 35
Cat Bite	0	1	— 1
Chipmunk Bite	0	1	— 1
Measles	24	34	— 10
German Measles	127	455	—328
Mumps	96	55	— 41
Menengitis	2	1	— 1
Scarlet Fever	8	10	— 2
Ringworm	0	1	— 1
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Hepatitis	3	1	— 3
Dysentery	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	1	0
TOTAL	468	892	—424

Diseases below the seven year average were Mumps, Scarlet Fever, and Measles. Diseases above the seven year average were German Measles (up 400%) and Chicken Pox (up 50%).

There was an increase of 36 animal bites or 28.7%. When you consider that dog bites increased almost one-third, you realize the importance of close animal surveillance. It has been requested many times, that dogs be tied during the hours when children are going to and returning from school. This request has not been heeded and the dog bites continue to increase. The battle lines must be drawn. A study is being initiated to determine the best way to curb this needless menace.

The following licenses and permits were issued in 1964:

Day Camp	1	Oleomargarine, Sale of ..	23	Slaughter House	2
Day Care Center	4	Piggeries	4	Stables	2
Frozen Desserts	2	Outside Sewer	3	Garbage, Trans. of	3
Methyl Alcohol	11	Swimming Pool	3	Septic Tanks	89
Milk, Vehicle	21	Cabins and Motels	5	Burial	28
Milk, Store	50	Trailer Parks	1		
Milk, Pasteurization	3	Mfg. of Sausage	1		

LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Water Samples — 59

Milk Samples — 108

Utensils Samples — 36

Acting in accordance with the General Laws as a Biological Distribution Station, the following materials were distributed, free of charge, to local physicians:

1964 DISTRIBUTION OF THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC MATERIALS

Wasserman Tubes	215	Typhoid Vaccine	26
Smallpox Vaccine	56	Trivalent Vaccine (oral)	21
Tetanus and Typhoid Vaccine	4	Polio No. 1	20
Diphtheria and Typhoid Vaccine	25	Polio No. 2	18
Tetanus Vaccine	39	Polio No. 3	20
Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus Vaccine	23	Gamma Globin	47
		TOTAL	514



Town Hall and Center School, September 8, 1906

Environmental health inspections were made of all schools, restaurants, day care centers, bathing beaches, markets, bakeries, dairies, farm labor camps, and camps. The new State Rules and Regulations on Eating Establishments will be in effect January 1, 1965, and will be enforced to the letter of the law.

To meet the increasing problems in air pollution, the Agawam Health Department has joined with the Health Departments in the surrounding communities to establish a "Workable Program." Under the authority of Chapter 111 Section 142 of the General Laws the "Workable Program," describes the agency's comprehensive air pollution **control** program within the full context of the air pollution problems to be met, to overall design of the projected program, the program objectives and goals, and the anticipated times of specific goal accomplishment. The program includes but is not limited to such items as:

- a. Monitoring to obtain data on air quality.
- b. Collecting and analysis of meterological data.
- c. Collection of data on sources and quantities of emissions.
- d. Establishment of air quality standards and emission standards.
- e. Establishment of time schedules for commencing certain control actions on existing sources.
- f. Establishment of a permit system to regulate air pollution sources.

In conclusion, I invite all interested people to visit their Health Department and discuss any part of its program. I thank the Board of Health, the Public Health Doctor, the Public Health Nurses, Mrs. Carr, all the Departments of the Town, and the townspeople for all their help and cooperation.

Public Health Nurses

Diagnostic Visits (Bedside Care and Home Nursing)	1857		
Public Health Visits	2650		
School Communicable	713	Crippled Children	22
Mental Health	650	Meningitis	8
Health Counsel	800	Typhoid Carrier	8
Family Service	20	Scarlet Fever	47
First Aid	146	New Active T.B.	12
Premature	62	Follow up Active Contact	12
Pre-natal	52	Follow up Inactive Contact	20
Post-natal	60	Infectious Hepatitis	4
School Children	6	Salmonella	4
Retarded Children	14		

Many calls were made Saturdays, Sundays, Evenings and Holidays

MEETINGS

January 8th — Orientation Meeting on Day Care at Waltham

March 11th — Current Trends in The Care of the Cerebrovascular Patient at Municipal Hospital

May 5th — Area conference for Council Members at Schine Inn

May 20th and 21st — Two day Seminar at Holyoke Memorial Hospital on "Baby is Born"

May 27th — Board of Health Association at Log Cabin

October 30th — Public Health Association at Schine Inn

WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

A total of 84 children made 213 visits to 11 clinics.

Civil Defense

The year 1964 in C. D. was noteworthy in two aspects: the Office of Civil Defense became more firmly entrenched in the military under the Secretary of the Army, and the local scene flourished with activity and improvements in our Communications network and capability. The Government-furnished supplies for most of our authorized Fallout Shelters were transferred from the Army Depot to their destination in Agawam, and formal instruction was arranged for and provided by the Mass. Department of Education to our regular and auxiliary Police personnel on fallout and shelter management.

All of the portable and mobile two-way Radio equipment was used during the year in numerous drills with volunteer Communications and Auxiliary Police operators. These units were used to augment the town's Public Safety facilities on such days as Halloween, and the Conn. River Regatta. Permanent antenna

installations were completed and tested with excellent results from the three Fire Stations to Headquarters at the Town Hall.

Other events worth mentioning are the part played by Civil Defense in conjunction with Hampden District Medical Society in furnishing the Oral Polio supplies to our Health Department in the Cafeteria of our Junior High School; the first demonstration of the elaborately equipped State C. D. Radio mobile unit, and the all-day conference held at Westover in mid-December at which the State Director, Mr. Daniel J. Finn spoke to an audience of C. D. officials and Civil leaders that included Mr. Louis DePalma in the delegation from Agawam.

Parks – Playgrounds and Recreation

The Parks and Playground commission had in operation during the summer of 1964 seven playground areas for the children during the summer months. We averaged between 275–300 children during the week at each play area. We had special events day at each playground when Smith Rovelli directed this special event which could be a doll parade, bicycle parade, field hunts, softball games, checker tournaments, etc. We had some inter-league softball games for some of the areas.

The Arts and Crafts program has grown each year and again this year proved to be one of the most popular events. This year the program was under the direction of Carol Rinaldi. The children on this program averaged over 100 each time arts and crafts were at a playground. Each play area ran its usual games of softball, checkers, field days, soccer, and many other games and contests during the summer.

A new basketball court was opened at Phelps field this year and proved very popular with the children during the summer. The tennis program this year was at Shea's Field, Phelps, and the High School Courts. The tennis program for the summer months was under the direction of Arlene Sikora.

We again had a successful tennis tournament because of the capable director of the tournament who again was Mrs. Joan Danford who raised all the money for the cups and gifts for the children besides being the director for the tournaments which were held at the High School courts. We had over 100 boys and girls play in the tournament.

A new regulation size hockey rink, 80 x 160 was constructed at Shea's Field. It is used by the Agawam High hockey team for practice and by two P & P teams who play in the Junior Hockey League at the Exposition Grounds.

Slaughter Inspector

Mr. Clark Jones made inspections of the following number of animals.

Calves	420	Hogs	92	Goats	37	Lamb	4
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Veterans' Services

During 1964 the total expenditures for Veterans' Benefits amounted to \$24,980.05. This is \$5,715.44 less than the previous year.

This department was successful in acquiring several Federal Pensions for permanent recipients of aid from the Veterans' Department. This Federal money enabled us to reduce the expenditures in 1964 by \$4,700.00. Without these pensions our expenditures would have reached \$30,000.00.

The following figures account for expenditures during 1964:

Ordinary Benefits	\$14,452.41
Fuel	1,336.98
Doctors	547.30
Nursing Homes	2,046.32
Medication	1,824.45
Hospitals	4,254.11
Dental	19.00
Miscellaneous	497.35

Total Expenditures for 1964	\$24,980.05
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The Town is in receipt of \$16,026.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the State's share of 1963 expenditures. This amount to 52.2% of expenditures for that year and has been turned over to the E & D account.

The Town of Tolland was accepted as a member town of the Western Hampden District.

Over 2000 individual requests or services were handled by the district office during 1964. This is a 50% increase over the previous year.

Meadow House located on Meadow Street



Libraries

The year 1964 has shown a steady increase in the use of the town's library system. Since the budget is less than \$1.00 per capita and the very minimum figure set by national library standards is \$3.50 per capita, it becomes increasingly difficult to give adequate service.

The splendid service we receive from the Western Regional Library System is invaluable. As more patrons become aware of it through experience, more and more do they realize the resources which are at their disposal simply by a request from the local library. During the year 1066 items have been furnished.

The large number of requests for material from the Regional System points up the fact that our own collection is way below the standard, which for a town this size should contain 50,000 titles. Not only should our collection be expanded, but we expend much staff time in the clerical details involved in each loan from another source. That time could be used very advantageously on the cataloging and revision of our own collection, thereby speeding the completion of our Master Catalog.

A Master Registration file has been achieved and all registrations are brought up-to-date as patrons visit the libraries. Under the present system, an identification card enables the patron to use any or all of the libraries. An apparent drop in the number of registered borrowers is due to the fact that all registrations that have been inactive for over two years have been withdrawn.

The problem of space becomes increasingly acute. Shelf space at North Agawam and Agawam Center has reached the saturation point. Study areas are very inadequate. Public areas must be used for technical work while the library is not open, necessitating great waste of time in moving the material from place to place.

On March 1, Mrs. Florence Barry, who had been branch librarian at Feeding Hills, moved out of town. Mrs. Jessie McMahon transferred most of her hours from the Agawam Center Library to Feeding Hills as branch librarian, with Mrs. Clayton Fuller covering part of the hours. Miss Shirley Richard joined the staff of the Agawam Center Library on January 1.

The following statistics show, as well as it is possible to show on paper, the work of the year 1964:

	Books	Borrowers	Circulation
Agawam Center	8,899	1,788	26,823
North Agawam	7,008	673*	25,317
Feeding Hills	7,164	840*	10,899
	<hr/> 23,061	<hr/> 3,301	<hr/> 63,039

*Paragraph describing Master Registration file explains the apparent drop.



Town Meeting Members

PRECINCT 1

	2-29-64 A.M.	2-29-64 P.M.	3-7-64 A.M.	3-7-64 P.M.
Adams, Paul	x	x		
Balboni, Kenneth	x	x		
Balboni, Ronald C.				
Balboni, Walter A.	x	x	x	x
Bellano, Albert W.	x	x		
Bertera, Peter J.	x	x		
Borgatti, Romeo H.	x	x	x	x
Cebrelli, Richard A.	x	x	x	x
Colli, Francis A.	x	x	x	x
Connor, Edward M.	x	x	x	x
Connor, Francis A.				
Curran, Donald P.	x	x	x	
DeForge, Jasper P.	x	x	x	x
DeForge, Raymond J.	x	x		
Duclos, Lawrence L.	x	x	x	x
Dugan, John E.	x	x	x	
Ferrero, Raymond				
Gallano, Andrew C.				
Grady, Kenneth R.	x	x	x	x
Kane, James P.	x	x	x	x
Letellier, Walter J.	x	x	x	x
Letellier, Walter T.	x	x	x	x
McCave, Donald C.	x	x	x	x
Montagna, Michael P.	x	x	x	x
Nardi, Raymond	x	x	x	x
Provo, Samuel F.	x	x	x	x
Saracino, Raymond				
Schneider, Harry W.	x	x	x	
Swanson, Ernest C.	x	x	x	x
Tricinella, Cynthia	x	x		

PRECINCT 2

Atwater, Harold C., Jr.	x	x	x	x
Bedard, Marcel A.	x	x	x	x
Belcher, Leonard C.	x	x	x	x
Brown, Noel E.	x	x	x	x
Burton, Bernice H.	x	x	x	x
Cesan, David T.	x	x	x	x
Cesan, Harry W.	x	x	x	x
Chmielewski, Stanley J.	x	x	x	x
Clark, William C.	x	x	x	x
DeForge, William J., Jr.	x	x		
Draghetti, Delmo	x	x	x	
Draghetti, Joseph			x	x
Drewnowski, Henry A.	x	x	x	x
Dunn, Frank E.	x	x	x	x
Fadgen, Earl W.	x	x	x	x

Fearn, William F.	x	x	x	x
Granger, Sydney C.	x	x	x	x
Karakla, Francis T.	x	x	x	x
Kerr, Arthur W.	x	x	x	x
Kerr, Paul R.	x		x	x
Kerr, Walter T.	x	x	x	x
Light, Clyde E.	x	x	x	x
Matheson, Matilda P.	x	x	x	x
Pond, Everett H.	x	x	x	x
Rawson, Robert M.	x	x	x	x
Sliech, Steven W., Jr.	x		x	
Taylor, Donald H.	x	x	x	x
Taylor, Richard M.	x	x	x	x
White, Douglas C.	x	x	x	x
Wiley, John J., Jr.				

PRECINCT 3

Acquaro, Michael C.	x	x	x	x
Bava, James T.	x	x	x	x
Borgatti, Edward G.	x	x	x	x
Borgatti, Paul R.	x			
Cammissa, Marco			x	
Cleary, Gerald		x		
D'Amato, Paul J.	x	x		x
D'Amato, Ralph J.	x			
DePalo, Esther	x	x	x	x
DiDonato, Anthony F.	x	x		x
Drew, Frederick A.	x	x	x	x
Ferrari, Joseph J.	x	x	x	x
Fleming, George T.	x	x	x	x
Giordano, Pasquale A.	x	x		
Gravel, Charles	x	x	x	x
Harris, Raymond E.	x	x	x	x
Hart, Francis H.	x	x		
Malone, Albert A.		x		
Mason, Gerald J.	x			x
Mastroianni, Louis A.	x	x	x	x
Mercadante, Roland				
Napolitan, F. Joseph	x	x		x
Oliver, Kenneth M.		x	x	x
Ringuette, Norman	x	x	x	x
Romanowicz, Antoni W.	x	x	x	x
Russo, Thomas	x	x	x	x
Skolnick, Barbara	x	x		x
Skolnick, David				x
Watson, Robert	x	x	x	x
Zanotti, Angelo Peter	x	x		

PRECINCT 4

	2-29-64 A.M.	2-29-64 P.M.	3-7-64 A.M.	3-7-64 P.M.
Adams, Paul J., Jr.	x	x	x	x
Affleck, George F.	x	x	x	x
Begley, Paul M.	x	x	x	x
Carlson, C. Edwin, Jr.				
Casiello, Thomas H.	x	x	x	x
Chandler, Gordon H.	x	x		
Clark, James	x	x	x	x
Dacey, Frederick T.	x		x	
Diefenderfer, Richard P.	x	x	x	x
Draghetti, Louis D.	x	x	x	x
Edwards, A. Stanley	x	x	x	x
Gallano, David C.	x	x	x	x
Gallerani, Alfred	x	x	x	x
Gray, John	x	x		
Johnson, Robert W.	x	x	x	x
LaFleur, Irving R.	x	x	x	x
Lockhart, Benjamin T.	x	x	x	x
Metzger, George W.	x	x	x	x
Moore, Rita G.	x	x	x	x
O'Keefe, James A.	x	x	x	x
Oliver, Ralph M.	x		x	x
Pineo, Frank C.	x	x	x	x
Progulske, Theodore A., Jr.	x	x	x	x
Schilling, Robert M.	x	x		x
Zerra, Jerry L.	x	x	x	x
Zucco, Nicholas	x		x	x
Elasmar, James J.	x	x	x	x
Toelken, Richard W.	x	x	x	x
Moreno, Valentine R.	x	x	x	
Mikszewski, John H.	x	x	x	

PRECINCT 5

Atwater, James C.	x	x	x	x
Bodurtha, Dudley K.	x		x	x
Cadorette, Rene B.	x	x	x	x
Cartello, Charles J.	x	x	x	
Cascio, Thomas E.	x	x	x	x
Connelly, Edward W.	x	x	x	x
Decker, Kenneth				
DeForge, Philip J.	x	x	x	x
Della Giustina, Joseph	x	x	x	x
Doolittle, Dorothy	x		x	x
Emerson, Frederick C.	x	x	x	x
Fullam, Harold A.	x	x	x	
Grasso, Alfred M.	x	x	x	
Grasso, Frank A.	x	x		x
Hastings, John N.	x	x	x	x
Hembdt, Phillips V.	x	x	x	x
Ingals, Alfred E.	x			x
Jamrog, Stephen R.				
Kistner, Charles L.	x	x	x	x
Lawson, Henry W.	x	x	x	x

Mattoon, Donald H.	x	x		
Perry, M. Alice	x	x	x	x
Peterson, Priscilla D.	x	x	x	x
Query, Paul G.		x		
Richards, Eleanore E.	x	x	x	x
Scala, Salvatore J.			x	x
Stebbins, Alfred D. Jr.				
Sullivan, Eugene F.	x	x	x	x
Tatro, Paul A.	x	x	x	x
Wallace, Louise R.	x	x	x	x

PRECINCT 6

Atwater, Ronald C.		x		
Birchall, James W.				
Charest, Raymond E.	x	x	x	x
Chriscola, John J.	x	x	x	x
Cirillo, Arthur Joseph	x	x		x
Cirillo, John B.	x	x		
Davenport, Ellen V.	x	x	x	x
Davenport, Richard Mark	x	x	x	x
Dowd, Bernard J.	x	x	x	x
Edwards, Joseph M.	x	x	x	x
Cowles, Wallace A.	x	x		x
Fenton, James F., Jr.	x	x	x	x
Fitzgerald, John J., Jr.	x	x		
Fuchs, Arthur J.	x	x	x	x
Hall, Robert W.	x			x
Hallock, Howard H.	x	x	x	x
Hauser, John F.		x		x
Hyland, Thomas E.	x		x	x
Magovern, John N.		x		
Notman, Bruce P.	x	x		
O'Connor, Francis W.	x		x	
Orr, Richard M.				
Pilkington, Elwin A.	x	x	x	x
Porter, John G.	x	x	x	x
Robinson, George D., Jr.	x	x	x	x
Rosati, John F.	x	x		x
Shaylor, Douglas M.	x	x	x	x
Tatro, Louis R.	x	x	x	
Wilson, Neil H.	x	x	x	x
Zavarella, Arthur	x	x	x	

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bassani, Benjamin S.	x	x		
Chriscola, Frank, Jr.	x	x	x	x
Cleary, Francis P.	x	x	x	x
Lenville, Wilfred R.	x	x	x	x
Letellier, Brandon N.	x	x	x	x
Moore, Leslie J., Jr.	x	x	x	x
Porter, George W.			x	x
Shea, John J.	x	x	x	x

Agawam Public Schools

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 9, 1964 to June 18, 1965

1964

September	9	Wednesday	Schools open — beginning of school year
October	12	Monday	Schools closed — Columbus Day
	16	Friday	Schools closed — Teachers' Convention Day
November	11	Wednesday	Schools closed — Veterans' Day
	26	Thursday	Schools closed — Thanksgiving Vacation
	27	Friday	Wednesday, November 25 — schools close Senior High 11:00 a.m.; Junior High 11:30 a.m.; Elementary Schools 12:00 noon
	30	Monday	Schools reopen
December	23	Wednesday	Schools close for Christmas Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day

1965

January	4	Monday	Schools reopen
February	19	Friday	Schools close for Midwinter Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day
March	1	Monday	Schools reopen
April	16	Friday	Schools closed — Good Friday
	19	Monday	Schools closed — Patriots' Day
May	31	Monday	Schools closed — Memorial Day
June	18	Friday	Schools close for Summer Vacation End of school year

183 School Days

September 9, 1964 to December 23, 1964 — 71 days; January 4, 1965 to February 19, 1965 — 35 days; March 1, 1965 to June 18, 1965 — 77 days.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James Clark
Telephone 739-1564
Address: 28 Reed Street

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Junior High School Building — 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.
Appointments should be arranged in advance

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Kathleen Arnold

HOURS IN SESSION

Senior High School
8:00 a. m. — 2:00 p. m.
Junior High School
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.
Robinson Park Elementary School
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.
Phelps, Danahy, Peirce, Granger and South
9:00 a. m. — 3:00 p. m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Benjamin S. Bassani, Chairman	1965
Francis J. Rosso, Secretary	1966
Paul J. Adams	1965
Philip J. DeForge	1967
Joseph A. DellaGiustina	1967
F. Joseph Napolitan	1966

School Committee

The Agawam School Committee held twenty-eight meetings during 1964. The meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The exception is when the school committee is considering personnel problems and selection of personnel.

Progress on the eleven room addition to the Granger School was followed closely. This new wing was opened for pupils in September. Formal acceptance took place at the dedication and corner-stone laying ceremonies November 15, 1964. Teachers, pupils, and parents evaluation of this new wing seems favorable.

Staff evaluations are submitted by the superintendent and principals twice a

year. These are considered by the school committee before teachers and other personnel are placed on tenure or raises are recommended.

Plant maintenance and repair reports come from a sub-committee, the school administration, and other committee members who have a chance to visit the schools.

Students progress is followed through periodic reports of the superintendent of schools on standardized testing administered by teachers and principals. The school committee is happy to report that Agawam students score well when compared to national and state medians for each grade.

Considerable savings can be realized through a continuation of the sidewalk program. A section from Granger School to Thalia Drive on North Westfield Street was opened this fall. The school committee met with a group of parents from this area on problems involving the transition from bus transportation to walking. An acceptance of the sidewalk program by parents and children will represent a large savings over a period of years and will permit a greater flexibility in the educational program.

The school committee will submit for taxpayers' consideration a budget increase of approximately \$155,000 over 1964. Thirty thousand dollars was slashed from the original requests made by the administration and the staff. Numerous equipment replacement and maintenance and plant improvements were put off for another year.

The school committee appreciates the support given by town officials and taxpayers for past school budgets and wishes to thank parents and students for their cooperation in the Agawam Public School system.

Superintendent of Schools

School Housing and Land: An eleven room addition to the Clifford M. Granger School was opened in September 1964. This building committee installed electric heat and wall to wall carpets in the eleven classrooms. It felt that savings could be realized through these innovations and that a superior educational climate would be offered. Students, teachers, and visiting parents have expressed satisfaction with this new eleven-room unit.

Earlier projections from the office of the superintendent of schools indicated a second junior high would be needed by 1966. I am happy to announce, due to a decline in the birth rate in the face of an increasing population, the recommendation for this new building will be delayed. It is interesting to note that there were 314 births in 1953 and 302 births in 1963. The school population has increased during the past two years at the rate of approximately 100 students each year, as compared to an increase of 150 to 200 during the preceding eight years. The taxpayers of Agawam will welcome this breather in the school building program.

It is wise to obtain land well in advance for future education needs. We are happy to report we have a sixteen acre site on River Road and a thirty-two acre site at Feeding Hills Center for future school buildings. The taxpayers should give consideration to the long-range procurement program recommended by Technical Planning Associates in the Master Plan of 1962.

Your superintendent of schools also suggests that consideration be given to the purchase of more land for the Faolin Peirce School and the land between the junior high school and town office while still available.

New homes at the rate of approximately one hundred per year are being constructed in Agawam with a resultant yearly increase in school population.

Educational Progress: The faculty curriculum revision committee at the elementary level presented a social studies outline which was accepted and duplicated for elementary use. The junior and senior high staffs co-ordinated their offerings on the basis of this curriculum revision. A science revision study group is operating on the elementary level during the present school year. French and Spanish are being offered for the first time to the seventh and eighth grade students. We hope that students completing two years of either language in the junior high will be able to handle the second year of the language at the senior high level. The senior high English department, under Miss Eleanor Miller, presented an excellent curriculum revision which was accepted by the school committee and the staff.

A Cooperative School Service Center at the University of Massachusetts was organized and went into operation in September 1964. The Agawam School Committee joined with some fifty other school systems in this venture. We look forward to leadership and curriculum revision assistance from this source in the future.

Educational Needs: I repeat the yearly plea for kindergartens for the Town of Agawam. National and state programs for prevention of poverty and for the prevention of juvenile delinquency go so far as to recommend pre-kindergarten programs in cases of special need. The Agawam school system could use additional helping teachers for children in the 85 to 95 IQ range who have difficulty in maintaining a class average and from whom we get our largest number of drop-outs. Our local experience is also true for the state and the nation in this respect.

Data Processing: A key punch, a sorter, a printing accounting machine, and a reproducer went into operation by vote of the Agawam School Committee in August of 1964. School registers for the junior high, payrolls for teachers, janitors, and other personnel, and monthly bill schedules are already on data processing. We hope to add report cards and school registers for all eight schools by June of 1965. There are many educational research adaptations that are possible with this equipment when the educational staff is familiar with it. If our progress in data processing is on schedule, we hope to bring our office practice girls, for a few weeks, to the data processing room to give them experience in this area of training.

Budgets: Taxpayers face a budget increase of approximately \$154,000. which moves our budget from \$1,747,127. to approximately \$1,902,709. \$142,000. of this increase is due to salary adjustments. The bulk of the increase was voted by the general assembly when it changed starting teachers' salaries to a minimum of \$5,000.

Other increases involve school supplies, textbooks, and utilities due to a larger school enrollment plus the additional use of school plant.

Taxes: Fifty percent of the taxes raised in Agawam go to the public school system. This represents, according to the Massachusetts Teachers' Association department figures, \$169 per capita for 1964. This figure places Agawam in the middle for forty-eight towns and four cities with 13,500 or more population. We will receive further state help through the increased NDEA coverage and through federal vocational aid legislation.

The tax burden on the property owner is excessive and we feel cannot be relieved until the state gives back to the communities forty percent yearly in operational aid instead of the nineteen percent now received. The forty percent represents the average operational school budget aid in the fifty states.

The average cost per child of \$300.00 per year in the Town of Agawam represents a figure which is slightly below average. When people become upset by this figure they should realize that a baby sitter at five dollars for a six hour day for one hundred and eighty days cost \$900.00 This means that education is still not competing in the man power market nor able to buy all of the equipment needed for top programs.

Town officials and taxpayers in Agawam have been most cooperative in support for education during previous years. We sincerely hope this cooperation will continue for the 1965 budget.

A 1905 picture of the South End Bridge



Financial Statement

December 31, 1964

Town Appropriation \$1,747,127.00

EXPENDITURES

School Committee	\$ 639.50
Superintendent's Office	25,016.08
Supervisors	16,635.30
Principals	102,762.00
Teaching	1,080,856.84
Textbooks	30,693.91
Library Services	11,173.11
Audio-Visual Services	1,683.83
Guidance Services	26,352.76
Psychological Services	340.00
Attendance	5,273.74
Health	20,992.37
Transportation	101,409.48
Athletics	4,559.56
Student Body Activities	4,383.54
Custodial Services	129,699.21
Heating Buildings	32,212.53
Utility Services	37,525.21
Maintenance of Grounds	2,101.81
Maintenance of Buildings	28,308.59
Maintenance of Equipment	6,858.29
Replacement of Equipment	15,757.93
Fixed Charges — Insurance	15,118.32
Community Services — Tuition	363.20
Community Services — Transportation	6,069.24
Acquisition and Improvement of Sites	4,737.92
Acquisition and Improvement of Buildings	4,451.26
Acquisition of Equipment	8,035.20
Program with Other Districts — Tuition	19,516.92
Program with Other Districts — Transportation	218.80
Travel Outside Commonwealth	755.32

\$1,744,501.77

REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS

	1963	1964
Chapter 70 (Teachers' Salaries)	\$ 176,047.65	\$ 181,182.65
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	80,874.60	81,309.17
Adult Education	3,321.65	3,880.52
Trade School Tuition	9,536.77	9,238.62
Transportation of Pupils to Vocational Schools	360.03	494.25
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	1,107.85	870.64
Tuition received from other Towns	779.16	1,151.22
Receipts from Industrial Arts Department	756.83	347.25
Receipts from Rental of School Property	1,024.00	801.00
Special Education	15,975.00	16,290.94
National Defense Education Funds	1,294.59	6,581.15
Recreation — Physically handicapped and mentally retarded	508.30	461.60
Miscellaneous Receipts	275.84	209.71
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	\$ 291,862.27	\$ 302,818.72

COST OF SCHOOLS TO TOWN

Total Expenditures by the Town	\$1,640,007.73	\$1,744,501.77
Reimbursements	291,862.27	302,818.72
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	\$1,348,145.46	\$1,441,683.05

High School Principal

This school is classed by modern educators as a comprehensive unit. It lacks a vocational department but includes an extensive pre-vocational program. It also offers all other commonly accepted high school subjects with the hope that the interest of every student is satisfied.

In recent years, the majority of the graduates have entered schools of advanced education, 65% of last year's class, accordingly a greater amount of time must be spent with this group. Specific entrance requirements for the many schools must be studied and classified. Changes in program and subject content must be made to conform to the rapidly changing and increasingly difficult admission requirements. Also, much more secretarial time is needed to complete the transcripts and records.

In relation to the same trend, advanced work has been introduced in certain subjects where competition requires it. The most recent was in the biology area. Previously, all this work was done in colleges.

The language requirements for entrance to liberal arts colleges have changed to an oral-aural examination rather than or in addition to a written one. The language laboratories have aided greatly in this preparation.

This year, the school is greatly over-crowded. It was necessary to schedule four roving teachers to teach in any room vacant during a specific period. They carry their books and other teaching equipment from one room to another. It is very undesirable because, if they answer the customary after-class questions, they are unable to be on time for their next class. It is difficult to train pupils to be prompt when the teacher is late.

Periodically a rumor circulates in sections of the town to the effect that the school has lost its "A" rating and, incidentally, its privilege to enter students into college. Presently, neither the State Department of Education nor any other official agency uses such a scale for the evaluation of schools. The school's membership in the New England Association of College and Secondary Schools and rating by the University of Massachusetts are the only criteria by which a school may be judged. This school has held membership in the former and has had cordial relations with the latter for many years.

This school was fortunate this year to have an excellent football team which won the Western Massachusetts Class AA Football Conference Championship. It was comprised of a very good group of boys. Their prowess in football was matched by their gentlemanly conduct both on and off the field. They rate congratulations.

Linda Barufaldi honored herself and the school by winning a first in the National Association of Teachers of English Contest. She was one of only 600 in the nation. Both Linda and the English Department deserve commendation.

Miss Eleanor Smith retired at the end of the year. She had taught mathematics effectively since the opening of the school. In addition, she organized the first Pro Merito Club and later was instrumental in changing it to the National Honor Society Chapter which bears her name. During her career as a teacher, she was conscientious, efficient and was continually pleasant and cheerful. It is hoped that she will have a long period of enjoyable relaxation.

A well-planned co-curricular program supplemented the academic one. Pupils are urged to participate in one or more offerings to round out their education backgrounds.

It is a pleasure to report that the following five students received letters of commendation from the Merit Scholarship: Linda L. Barufaldi, Charles J. Guyotte, Bruce W. Jozefiak, Judith M. Morrissey, and Linda B. VanHeusen.

In addition, thirty-four were received into the National Honor Society.

Shelley Jean Allen	Donald B. Headley	Karen Anne Ratcliffe
Tamara L. Astifan	Mary Patricia Kelley	Janice Barbara Rebecchi
Judith Dana Bonkowski	Gail Marie Lawson	Patricia Ann Repinec
Richard G. Chandler	Drinda Jean Lund	JoAnn Theresa Rossi
Joanne Cimaroli	Carl Peter Novak	Susan Irene Ruckstuhl
Nancy Rose Cirillo	Francis Howard O'Leary, Jr.	Pamela Ann Saitto
Norma Jane Cirillo	Robert Gould Oppenheimer	Joyce Mae Sarat
Susan Colli	Dianne M. Orsi	Martha Joyce Sharritt
Marsha Ann DellaGiustina	Pamela Jane Penney	Donald Karl Thornton
Elizabeth Lee Donovan	Thomas John Plakias	S. Roger Tyler
Catherine Maria Ferrarini	Lenora Ann Pupello	Sharon Lee Veneklasen
Arthur J. Foley, Jr.		

The students named below excelled in the subject areas named.

Citizenship — Daughters of the American Revolution	Sandra Wein
U. S. History Award — Veterans of Foreign Wars — \$10	Sharon Veneklasen
Problems of Democracy — Walter S. Kerr Barracks #396 —	
World War I Veterans — \$10	Martha Sharritt
International Relations Prize — Agawam Women's Club — \$5	Barbara Bishop
Personality Club Awards — \$10 each	Sandra Wein
	Arthur Foley
Excellence in Social Studies — Agawam Junior Women's Club — \$25	Lynn Kupec
Bookkeeping Award — \$5	Joanne Rossi
Commercial Award — Agawam Women's Club — Stenography — \$5	Norma Cirillo
Third National Bank (Agawam Branch) —	
Highest Commercial Award — \$25	Patricia Repinec
Latin — Benjamin J. Phelps — Agawam Lions Club — \$10	Francis O'Leary
Latin — Agawam High School Latin Club — \$5	Richard Breuninger
Foreign Language Award — Agawam Junior Women's Club — \$25	Robert Oppenheimer
Music — Agawam Women's Club — \$5	Nancy Schmidt
Operetta — Pin	Gale Cote
Sousa Award — Band — Medal	Richard Whitman
Art — Agawam Women's Club — \$5	William Higgins
Industrial Arts Award — Veterans of Foreign Wars — \$5	Lyman Hastings
Drafting Award — Crompton & Knowles, Inc. — \$5	Thomas O'Rourke

Mathematics and Science — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — Medal	Donald Thornton
Excellence in Mathematics — \$5 each	Sharon Veneklasen
	Francis O'Leary, Robert Oppenheimer
Julian Magiera Student Council Award — Class of '43 — \$5	Howard Mosher
Felix DePalma Mathematics Prize — \$25 each	Elizabeth Donovan
	Donald Thornton
Ruth N. Hoyer Award for Nursing — Agawam Women's Club — \$10	Carol Settembro
Future Nurses Award — \$5	Kathleen Shelanskas
French — Agawam High School French Club — \$5	Francis O'Leary
Science Award — Agawam Junior Women's Club — \$25	Carl Novak
Science — Bausch & Lomb — Medal	Robert Oppenheimer
Two Year Student Librarians — For Exceptional Service to the School on the Library Staff — \$20 each	Gloria Cincotta, Marsha DellaGiustina
	Catherine Ferrarini, Lenora Pupello, Martha Sharritt
English Award — Agawam Women's Club — \$5	Lenora Pupello
English Award — For Outstanding Work in Secretarial English — \$5	Patricia Repinec
Victor Emmanuel Auxiliary — Excellence in English — \$25	Susan Colli
Clarissa H. Phelps English Prize — \$10	Robert Oppenheimer
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cataldo, Agawam Food Mart — Highest Academic Average for Boys and Girls — \$50 each	Sharon Veneklasen
	Francis O'Leary

The successful year can be attributed to the friendly interest of you, Mr. Clark, the cheerful cooperation of faculty and student body, and the generosity of the School Committee and citizens.

Junior High School Principal

We have reached a milestone in the Agawam Junior High School by the addition of modern foreign languages to our curriculum. For the first time in the history of our school, we are teaching French and Spanish to approximately 50% of our seventh grade students and to a limited number in the eighth grade. Beginning in September of 1965 we will be offering this program to about half the seventh and eighth grade students. Those who maintain a good record in the language program for two years in the junior high school will begin with second year French or Spanish in the high school.

We are extremely proud of the modernization of the home economics room in our school. This department was working with equipment which was installed approximately forty-three years ago. We now have five complete kitchen units which will accommodate four girls each. Within these units are new formica countertops with excellent drawer and storage space below, stainless steel sinks, and new gas or electric ranges. We appreciate these new facilities and are grateful to those who made this addition possible.

A third worthwhile improvement has been the installation of an accoustical ceiling in the old cafeteria. With other minor improvements and the addition of one hundred folding chairs, we now have an excellent band and music room. This same room is also being used for many other purposes. The adult evening division finds this area desirable for evening art classes. This will also prove to be an ideal

place for town groups of approximately one hundred people for meetings or social functions. The new music room does much to save on wear and tear of the auditorium furniture and also confines the band practice noise to an area accoustically treated for such purposes.

Surfacing the lot on the corner of Main and Reed Streets with an asphalt base has been a most desirable improvement to the junior high school property. We are using this area for the parking of all faculty cars which has done much to give us the needed hardtop play area to the rear of the school and also gives us the space needed for loading and unloading buses.

The zone heating system, which has been a project for the past three years, is now completed and gives us an efficient heating system which I sincerely believe is being operated at a figure below the cost of the old installation.

We were fortunate in maintaining most of our teaching staff. We lost three to other communities and added one additional teacher for the language program. During the past year, our social studies teachers revised their course of study. Last summer two of our teachers were selected to participate in science or mathematics studies while many others made further study in their own fields of professional improvement.

Once again, our annual magazine campaign was a success. We try to spend the money wisely by acquiring items which will be most appreciated by the majority of students within our school. This program also provides for an annual two hundred dollar scholarship for a deserving senior at high school graduation.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our staff for its excellent cooperation in all phases of our school program. I am grateful to you Mr. Clark and our school committee for supporting my requests for the improvements already mentioned in this report. These improvements would not be possible if it were not for the support given to our schools by the citizens of Agawam.

School Health

Health appraisal has been defined as the cooperative process of determining the total health status of the child. Many persons contribute to such an appraisal. Parents, physicians, teachers, guidance teachers, and counselors work with the school nurse.

The enrollment for 1964 — 4243. Dr. Wein and Dr. Kohn gave physical examinations to students in grades 1, 4, 7, and 11. Notes of defects were sent home. Tetanus immunization and T.B. tests were given with help from the Board of Health nurses. Ears and eyes of all children were tested. Eyes — 3500 tested and 75 failed; ears — 3000 tested and 12 failed. There is one blind child attending a school for the blind and there are two deaf children attending the Clarke School for the Deaf. There are twenty children with disabilities who can't take gym.

Many clinics are available to handicapped, retarded, and emotional children. Individual Binet tests have been given by our school psychologist. Mental clinics at Springfield Hospital have also been a great help.

Mrs. Larsen, social worker for children, and Miss Roy, State Supervisor, sent thirty-six children to camp.

The school nurses attended all state meetings. Miss Fitzgerald, State Supervisor of Special Education, visited twice during the year; and Miss Ely, State Dental Supervisor, also visited. The state is requiring more and more reports.

The nurses sincerely appreciate the cooperation of the superintendent, principals, teachers, and parents. We also thank the Lions Club for their aid in furnishing glasses and the new eye testing machine.

Adult Education

The Agawam Adult Education program continued in 1964 in its thirteenth year. Fifteen adults this year fulfilled the necessary requirements and were granted diplomas. We now have had graduates enrolled at Western New England College, Our Lady of the Elms, Westfield State College, Holyoke Junior College, American International College and San Diego, California City College. Twelve courses are offered in the academic field, four in the commercial and eighteen in the practical arts. A director, sixteen teachers, and a secretary make up the staff which for the past few years has worked annually with about five hundred interested students of all ages and walks of life.

The University Extension program sponsored four classes in the Evening School. The courses offered were French, Spanish, electronics and holiday decorations and another seventy students registered for these classes.

In April, the seventh annual exhibit of crafts and creative arts was held in the Agawam Junior High School for two days and was very well attended. The faculty and students believe that this display of talent and work has helped to increase the amount of interest the residents of Agawam have shown in the practical arts program available to them.

I wish to extend my thanks to the school committee for its continued belief and support of the adult education program, to the Superintendent of Schools James Clark for his assistance and to Principal Raymond Harris of the Agawam Junior High who has made possible the facilities of the junior high building for the annual exhibit.

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1964

PARTICIPATION:

	Phelps	Granger	Peirce	Danahy	South	Robinson	Jr. High	High	Total
Average DAILY Attendance	495	346	215	231	387	482	653	1150	3959

Average Served DAILY to Children:

Type A Lunches with Milk	313	243	109	165	269	376	419	799	2693
Milk Only	151	83	73	52	113	100	85	149	803

Total Type A Lunches Served during the year: 464,090

Needy Lunches Served during the year: 2,184

Needy Milk Served during the year: 1,127

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance December 31, 1963	\$ 20,015.52
Lunchroom Receipts	136,194.19
U.S.D.A. Claims Received	45,943.85
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Total Cash on Hand	\$202,153.56
Less Disbursements	184,008.81
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Balance December 31, 1964	\$ 18,144.75
U.S.D.A. Claims Due	9,452.51
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	\$ 27,597.26
Less Outstanding Bills	10,548.99
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Balance	\$ 17,048.27

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POPULATION — 2325

PHELPS 511	DANAHY 249	ROBINSON 504	PEIRCE 226	GRANGER 420	SOUTH 415
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SECONDARY SCHOOL POPULATION — 1918

JUNIOR HIGH 682	SENIOR HIGH 1236
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Jury List

- Albano, Alice G. — Housewife
59 Simpson Circle
- Balboni, Walter A. — Dental Technican
134 Walnut Street
- Balthazar, George — Group Leader
80 Brookline Avenue
- Barden, David C. — Mason
67 Carr Avenue
- Barker, Beatrice M. — Bookkeeper
209 Elm Street
- Barufaldi, Daniel J. — Hdwe. Str. Prop.
132 Liberty Street
- Bassani, Benjamin — Sales Representative
74 Spencer Street
- Bedard, Alda — Typist-Clerk
371 So. Westfield Street
- Berthiaume, Francis A. — Gilbert & Barker
148 Walnut Street
- Biglin, James W. — Laborer
597 Springfield Street
- Bitgood, John C., Jr. — Production Control
1010 Suffield Street Clerk
- Borgatti, Anna F. — At home
244 Walnut Street
- Bouley, Edmund Albert — Die Press Oper.
27 Letendre Avenue
- Botelho, Benjamin — Laboratory Techn.
97 Homer Street
- Bottaro, Ralph J. — Self-Employed Rest.
228 Walnut Street Business
- Bradway, Earl C. — Machinist
316 No. West Street
- Bragg, Evelyn A. — Receptionist
79 Doane Avenue
- Breviglieri, Franklin L. — Design Draftsman
58 Harvey Johnson Drive
- Cadorette, Rene B. — Hamilton Standard
7 Edward Street
- Cantelli, Albert A. — Machine Operator
117 Franklin Street
- Capitanio, Francis — Iron Worker
130 Leonard Street
- Cardone, Joseph L. — Grocery & Meat
232 Elm Street Mkt. Owner
- Carlson, Elsie C. — Home Maker
7 Cooper Street
- Cassanelli, Rita A. — Sewing Machine
115 Edward Street
- Castelli, Sileo Silvio — Prop.
28 King Street
- Colli, Ida — Instructor
33 Prospect Street
- Crichton, Frank G. — Roofing
444 No. Westfield Street
- Crowley, Florence E. — Housewife
209 Maple Street
- Chapman, Virginia F. — Clerk
111 Adams Street
- Christopher, Delia A. — Rag Sorter
113 Bridge Street
- Christopher, Jennie M. — Housewife
170 Meadow Street
- Clifford, Oscar J., Jr. — Field Ser. Engineer
126 Albert Street
- Dane, Edwin S. — Bldg. Materials
29 Florida Drive
- Danford, Joan M. — Western Mass. Co-
55 So. Park Terrace Ordinator Holy
Family Guild
- Daubitz, Walter F. — President - Oxford
206 Maynard Street Tool & Gage Co.
- DeForge, Philip J. — New Eng. Tel. & Tel.
137 Florida Drive
- Deloghia, Irene J. — Office Worker
121 Fairview Street
- DeMars, Augustus J. — Shipping Clerk
86 Ottawa Street
- DeSimone, Lottie F. — Waitress
72 Albert Street
- DeSimone, Stephen R., Jr. — Foreman
72 Albert Street
- DeVecchi, Agnes A. — Office Clerk
10 Winthrop Street
- Driscoll, Ann Margaret — Unemployed
58 Bessbrook Street
- Dufault, Leo J. — Maint. Welder
18 Portland Street
- Fenton, Phyllis — None
21 Ridge Avenue
- Feroli, Dante A. — Supervisor
13 Horsham Place
- Ferranti, William R. — Supervisor
101 High Street
- Field, Edward F. — Engineering Tech.
176 North Street
- Fini, Philip — Farmer
43 Harding Street

- Flaro, William P. — Contractor
115 Liberty Street
- Foley, John James — Shaft Straightner
45 Sunset Terrace
- Fountain, Harold — Toolmaker
18 James Avenue
- Fuchs, Barbara P. — Office Super.
16 Alfred Street
- Fuller, Malcolm H., Jr. — Landscaping
65 Central Street
- Fusick, Joseph M. — Unemployed
554 Mill Street
- Giordano, Freddy J. — Tobacco Farm
94 Garden Street
- Greenfield, George — Poultry Farmer
831 So. Westfield Street
- Hayes, Kathleen E. — Office Manager
75 Silver Street
- Hebert, Alfred J. — Supervisor A & P
1152 Main Street
- Hersey, Robert F. — Premoid Corp.
385 Springfield Street
- Holloway, Clarence E. — West. Mass. Elec.
278 No. Westfield Street
- Horne, Edward Robson — Asst. Train Desp.
74 Springfield Street
- Jenks, Frank H. — Machinist
21 James Street
- Jenks, Prentice R. — DePalma Bus Co.
262 No. Westfield Street
- Kellogg, Alvin R., Jr. — Valley Bank
173 No. Westfield Street Bank Teller
- Kellogg, Everett A. — Meat Cutter
49 South Street
- Keough, Harriet S. — Saleswoman
102 Doane Avenue
- Kibbe, Stuart A., Jr. — Hamilton Standard
40 Doane Avenue
- Lavalette, Francis J. — Bdwy. Office Sup.
16 Ralph Street
- Ledger, Leo J., Jr. — Electrical Tester &
393 Silver Street Inspector
- Leporati, Albert A. — Welder
1026 Springfield Street
- Letellier, Rose R. — Execu. Secretary
186 Maple Street
- Light, Roderic H. — U. S. Rubber Co.
1054 Shoemaker Lane
- Liptak, George S. — Electrician
31 Brookline Avenue
- Loncto, Gertrude M. — Clerk
46 Cleveland Street
- Longhi, Carmino, Jr. —
148 Liberty Street
- Losito, Michael Peter — Zielinski
489 Shoemaker Lane
- Lovotti, Louis J. — Insurance Agent
30 George Street
- Lowell, Sally F. — Housewife
29 Albert Street
- Magistri, Virginio — Hydraulic Press &
107 Franklin Street Assembler
- Malley, Wallace E. — Sheetmetal Mechanic
71 Doane Avenue
- Margolis, Albert B. — Fruit Manager
195 Cooper Street
- Maule, Bruno — Auditor
81 River Road
- Mendes, Joaquin M. — Construction
18 Begley Street
- Mercadante, Anthony — Foundry Worker
15 Agnoli Place
- Moore, Rita G. — Housewife
41 Federal Avenue
- Morin, John M. — Airline Pilot
208 Adams Street
- Morley, Kenneth I. — Milk Dealer
41 Ottawa Street
- Murphy, Richard H. — Perkins Gear
21 Annable Street
- Myers, Joseph W. — Sheet Metal Worker
17 Hall Street
- McCarthy, Walter F. — Conductor
280 North Street
- McCobb, Perry A. — Service Eng.
20 Ridgeway Drive
- McLellan, Kenneth P. — Clerk
56 River Street
- Nacewicz, Edward S. — Clerk
66 Norman Terrace
- Newman, Jean M. — Secretary
194 School Street
- Nutbrown, Wesley H. — Lithograph Oper.
479 North Street
- O'Connor, Charles G. — Tool Designer
67 Taft Street
- Oliver, Ralph M. — Machine Set-up
70 Lealand Avenue
- Osolinski, Peter P. — Tool Maker
1059 Shoemaker Lane
- Paulson, Charles E. — Artesian well driller
128 Ridgeway Drive
- Pederzani, Basil — Assembler
187 Shoemaker Lane

- Pedulla, Rose V. — Billing Clerk
341 Meadow Street
- Penna, Alfred R. — Elec. Maint.
272 High Street
- Pernice, Eunice M. — Cashier
15 Alfred Street
- Phaneuf, Annette M. — Secretary
25 Ley Street
- Philbrick, Clarence H., Jr. — Meat Cutter
100 Sylvan Lane
- Pickard, Marguerite C. — Manager
46 Green Acre Lane
- Pisano, Richard E. — Insurance
83 Oak Hill Avenue
- Poggi, Andrew D., Jr. — Methods Eng.
123 Spencer Street
- Pond, Everett H. — Pond-Ekberg Co.
873 So. Westfield Street
- Prior, Hazel M. — Clerk-Typist
17 No. West Street
- Protzenko, Mary — Housewife
48 Lincoln Street
- Remington, Roland R. — Stationary Fireman
34 Begley Street
- Rinaldi, Joseph N. — Mach. Operator
386 Poplar Street
- Russell, Leo B. — Buyer
497 North Street
- Schaedlich, Ernest H. — Gear Grinder
991 No. Westfield Street
- Silvestri, Alfonso A. — Machine Oper.
67 Highland Street
- Smith, Gertrude N. — Secretary
663 Main Street
- Solitario, Frank J. — Mink Farm
578 No. Westfield Street
- Sporbert, Dianne D. — Clerk
155 Shoemaker Lane
- Stefanik, Robert — Vendor Prod. Control
70 Northwood Street
- Sullivan, William J. — Spfld. Water Dept.
1121 No. West Street
- Sutcliffe, Eleanor — Bookkeeper
122 Southwick Street
- Talmadge, Edward W. — Grocery Store
23 Oak Hill Avenue Prop.
- Thompson, Raymond C. — Assembler
61 Valley Street
- Tisdell, Merrill O. — Salesman
45 Oak Hill Avenue
- Toelken, Richard W. — Administrative
32 Elm Street Engineer
- Tower, Donald R. — Foreman
373 Shoemaker Lane
- Trela, Sophie — Housewife
31 Fairview Street
- Vandergrift, Raymond R. — Truck Driver
98 Homer Street
- Woodruff, Branch W. — Pratt & Whitney
86 Sunset Terrace
- Zanotti, Angelo Peter — Papermaker
140 Franklin Street

Stockade Apartments on Springfield Street





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On the Back Cover is a reproduction of the original Indian deed for the Agawam township, dated 1636.

On July 15, 1636 William Pynchon and others purchased from the Indians certain lands on both sides of the Connecticut River, described as follows: "all that ground or meadow accomsick via on other side of Quana, and all ground that is now plowted except Collin ackeesh or ground that is now planted" (by the Indians), the total consideration paid for the land on both sides of the river was "18 coats, 18 hoes, 18 hatchets, 18 knives, 18 fathoms of wampum." The deed was not a matter of record until 1679 at which time John Holyoke commented the following as he entered the document: "memoranda — Agaam or Agawam, it is the meadow on the South of Agawam River, where ye English did first build a house, wch now we comonly col ye *house meadow*. That piece of ground is it wch ye Indians do col Agawam and where ye English kept ye residents who first came to settle & plant at Springfield now so called: & at ye place it was (as is supposed) that this purchase was made of the Indians, Quana is that *middle meadow*, adjoining to Agawam or *house meadow*. The portion of the purchase cost allotted to the Agawam land was "ten fatham of Wampum, ten coates, ten howes, ten hatchets & ten knives (*1)" as spelled out in the deed.

The deed was signed by the marks of the Indians, Menis, Kenix, Wesai alias Nepinam, Wineparwin, Comimuk, Macossak, Wenewis, Cuttonis, Wrutherna, Coa, Keckusnek and "that they understood al by Ahauton, an Indian of the Massachusetts," who came from the Bay to act as interpreter. It is interesting to note the following reservation in the said deed "the said Pynchon . . . doth further condition with the said Indians, that they shall have & enjoy al ground nuts, walnuts, akornes & sasashiminesh, or kind of peas, and also if any of our Cattle spoils theire corne, to pay as it is worth & n that hogs shal not goe on the side of Agawam but in akorne time." The Indian name Agaam or Agawam meant "crooked river" or "low meadow land."

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